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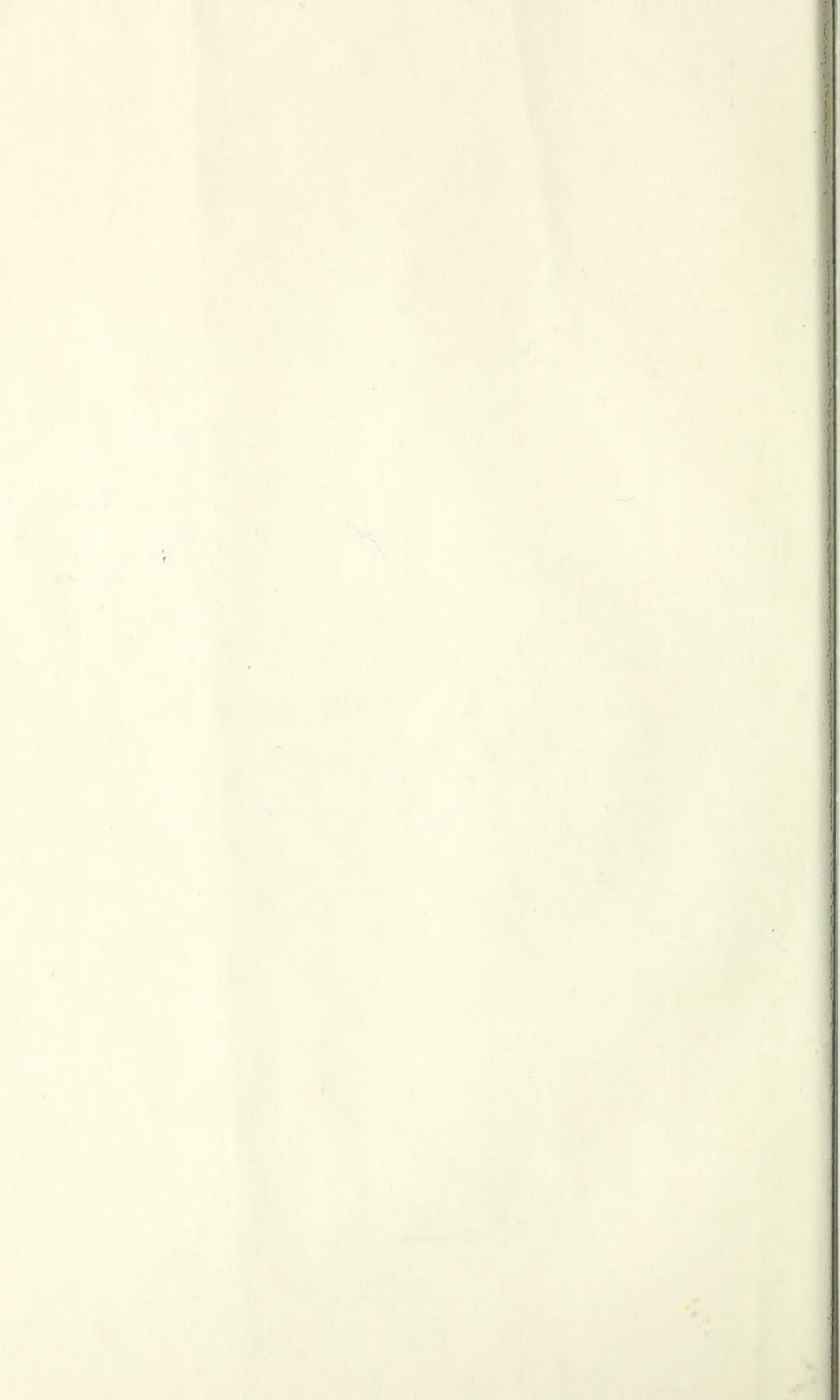






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# HISTORY

OF THE

## TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH,

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY,

NEW HAMPSHIRE,

Vol. 2

WITH THE

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
IN 1839; AN APPENDIX CONTAINING THE RECORDS OF THE  
ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS; AND A GENEALOGICAL  
AND HISTORICAL REGISTER.

By ALBERT SMITH, M. D., LL. D.

*"Memor esto majorum."*

BOSTON:

PRESS OF GEORGE H. ELLIS,

No. 7 TREMONT PLACE.

1876.



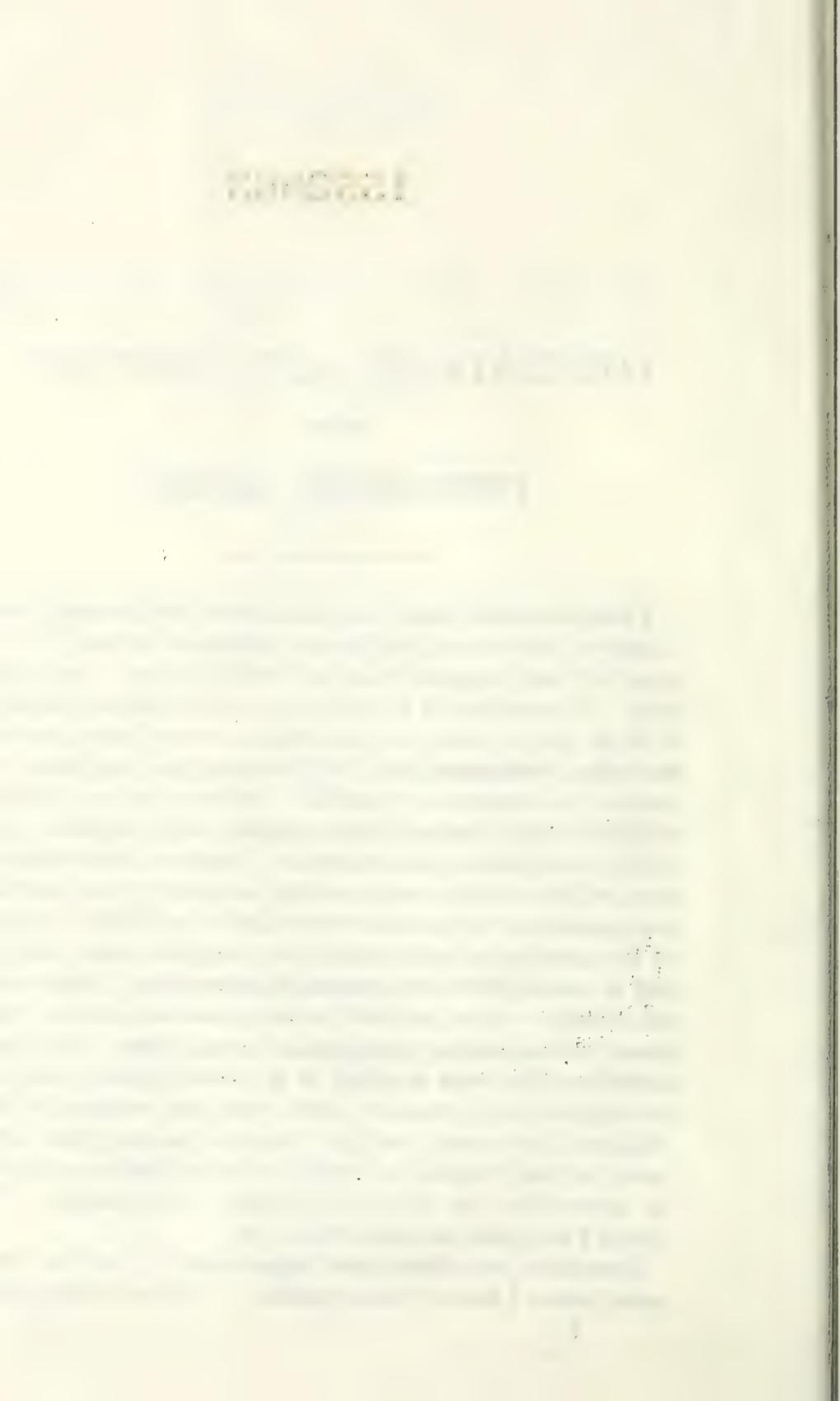
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GENEALOGY AND HISTORY  
OF THE  
PETERBOROUGH FAMILIES.

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I have combined under this head both the genealogy and history of the various families and individuals in town. It is more full and complete than any town register I have ever seen. It comprises all I have to say of the different families. It is in fact a history of the families,—their births, deaths, marriages, residences, etc. All due care has been taken to make it as accurate as possible. But when we are dealing with births and deaths of over a century, with imperfect records, it is all more or less uncertain. I have solicited information and data publicly and privately, and often by long-continued persistence to those who were slow or indifferent. Many of the genealogies have come in an imperfect state, which I had to correct from other sources of information. Many were not reliable,—often prepared in such a confused manner that it was like deciphering hieroglyphics to read them. And then sometimes they were in pencil, as if it was a matter that did not require much attention; often with the omission of the initials of the names, and the Christian names given carelessly, so that it would be doubtful whether Hattie was to be an abbreviation for Harriet, or Freddie for Frederick. Of course I was often at a loss what to do.

Sometimes my efforts grew importunate to get the true record, when I knew it was attainable. I did not let the care-



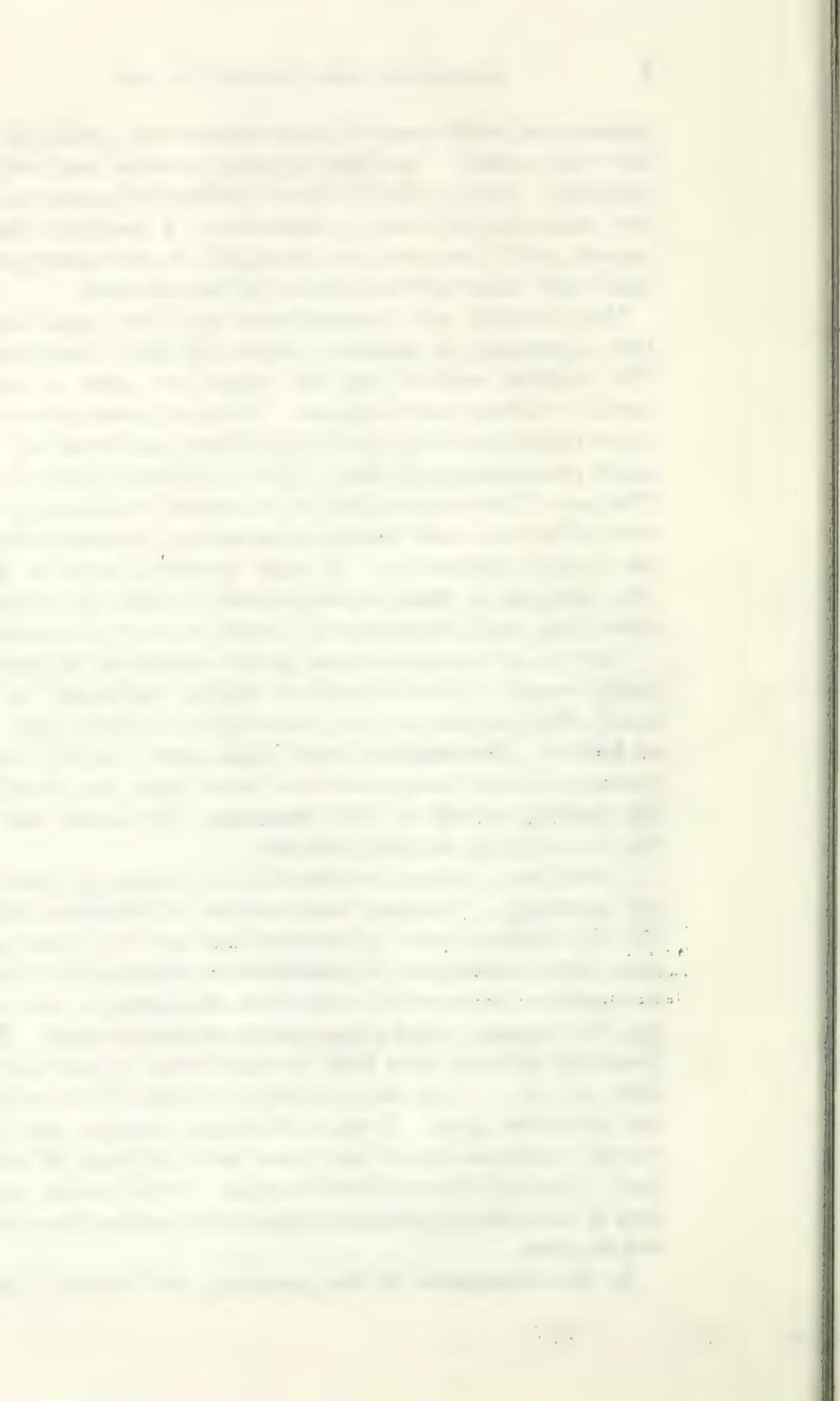
lessness and indifference of friends prevent my getting all the facts that existed. The labor of such a course may well be imagined. And if, after all, many families find a poor record, they must take the blame to themselves. I could not invent records, and if they were not furnished or were destroyed, I could only make such a record as the data afforded.

Much trouble and inconvenience have been experienced from ignorance of ancestors shown by their descendants. The excellent motto of my book cannot too often be inculcated,—“*Memor esto majorum.*” In many cases they could go no farther back than their grandfathers, and often had but slight reminiscences of them. This put a heavy labor on me. The facts, if they existed, were to be attained in some way, and every effort was made through more distant relatives to obtain the desired information. If many mistakes occur in data thus obtained of these far-off persons, I must be pardoned when I say that I have done all I could to insure correctness.

There is, at the present time, great carelessness in keeping family records. The old style of making the record in the family Bible, seems now, in a great degree, to have gone out of fashion. Are there no family Bibles now? In very many instances I found families who had never made any record at all, trusting entirely to their memories. My record will be the first and only one they ever had.

I could not, of course, embrace all the families in town in my genealogy. It would have involved a herculean labor. All the families down to between forty and fifty years past have been included, and if omissions or imperfections occur in regard to the record of some of the old families, I can only say, it is because I could get no data in relation to them. The historical relations have been prepared with a good deal of labor and care. They were written by myself, where credit is not otherwise given. I regret that such meagre and contracted relations should have been made of many of these men; it was all that could be done now. It will convey some idea of what the descendants of the early settlers have been and are now.

In the arrangement of the genealogy and history I have



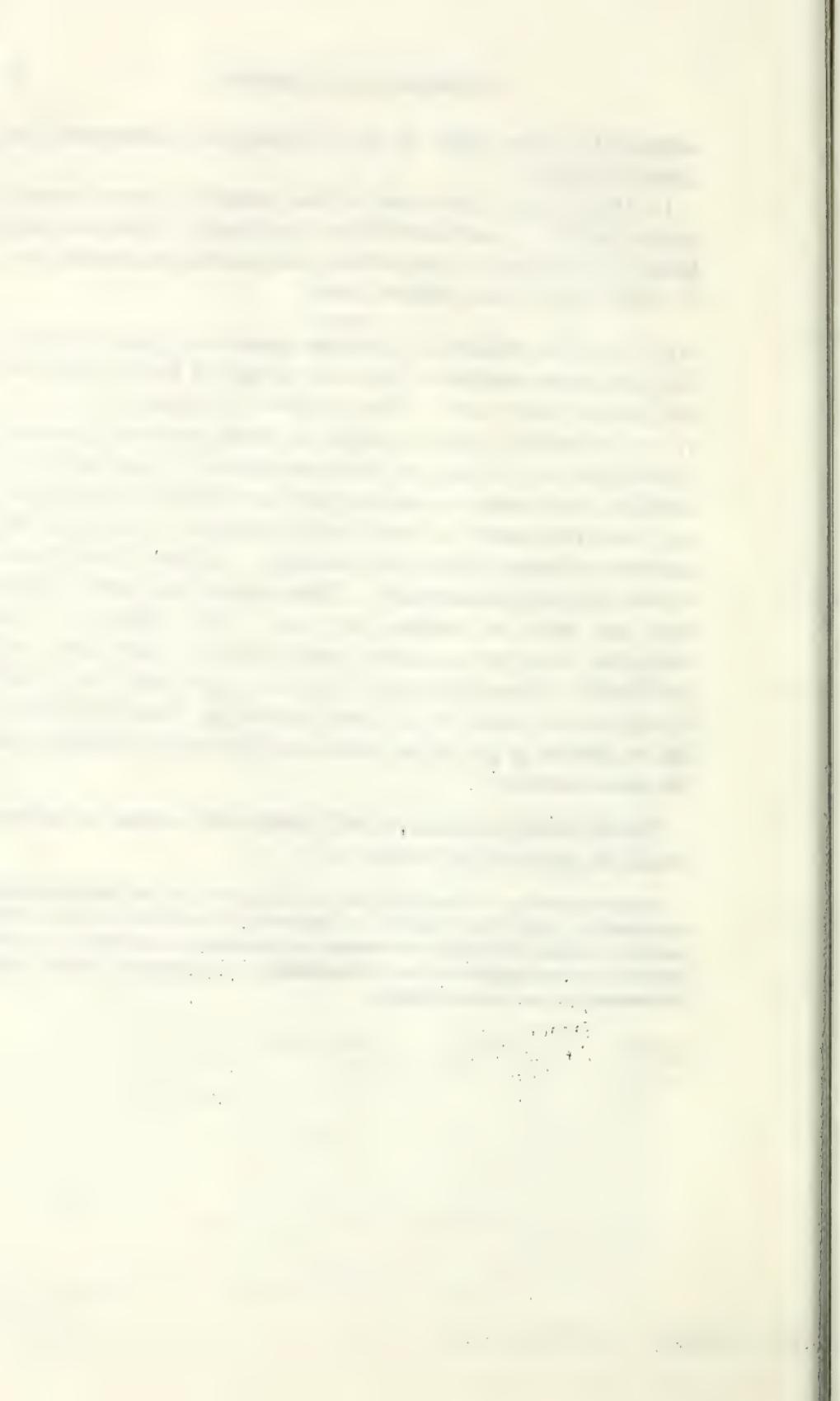
adopted the plan used in the "History of Lexington," by Charles Hudson.

In these tables the name of the parent is given in small capitals as No. 1, and then follows the place of residence, any history in relation to him, offices held, marriages, deaths, etc. A short line is then drawn thus:

And then his children's Christian names are given in *italics*. The first name numbers 2, with one at the left hand to indicate the parent thus: 1-2. Then follows the family, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, etc.; to each of them is added the birth, marriage, removal from town, etc. If any of the sons remain in town and have families, the names are marked with an obelisk † thus, showing that the family is next to be recorded; otherwise the names are dropped from the genealogy. A line is then drawn across the page transversely. Then comes the name of the first son with an obelisk, say 1-2. The history of the individual is given as above, and then the short line and his family follows, counting 8, 9, 10, 11, as may be. And if any one or more of his family settles in town, with a family, an obelisk is put to his name, and the record carried on in the *same manner*.

The following explanation will enable the reader to understand the genealogical tables:—

**ABBREVIATIONS.** — b. stands for born; æ. for age or aged; m. married; unm. unmarried; d. died; dau. daughter, or daughters; h. husband; w. wife; wid. widow; r. resides, or resided; re. removed; ad. admitted; ch. children; c. childless; q. v. for see register for his or her family; J. P. Justice of Peace; Rep. Representative; un. names unknown.



## GENEALOGICAL, HISTORICAL, AND STATISTICAL REGISTER.

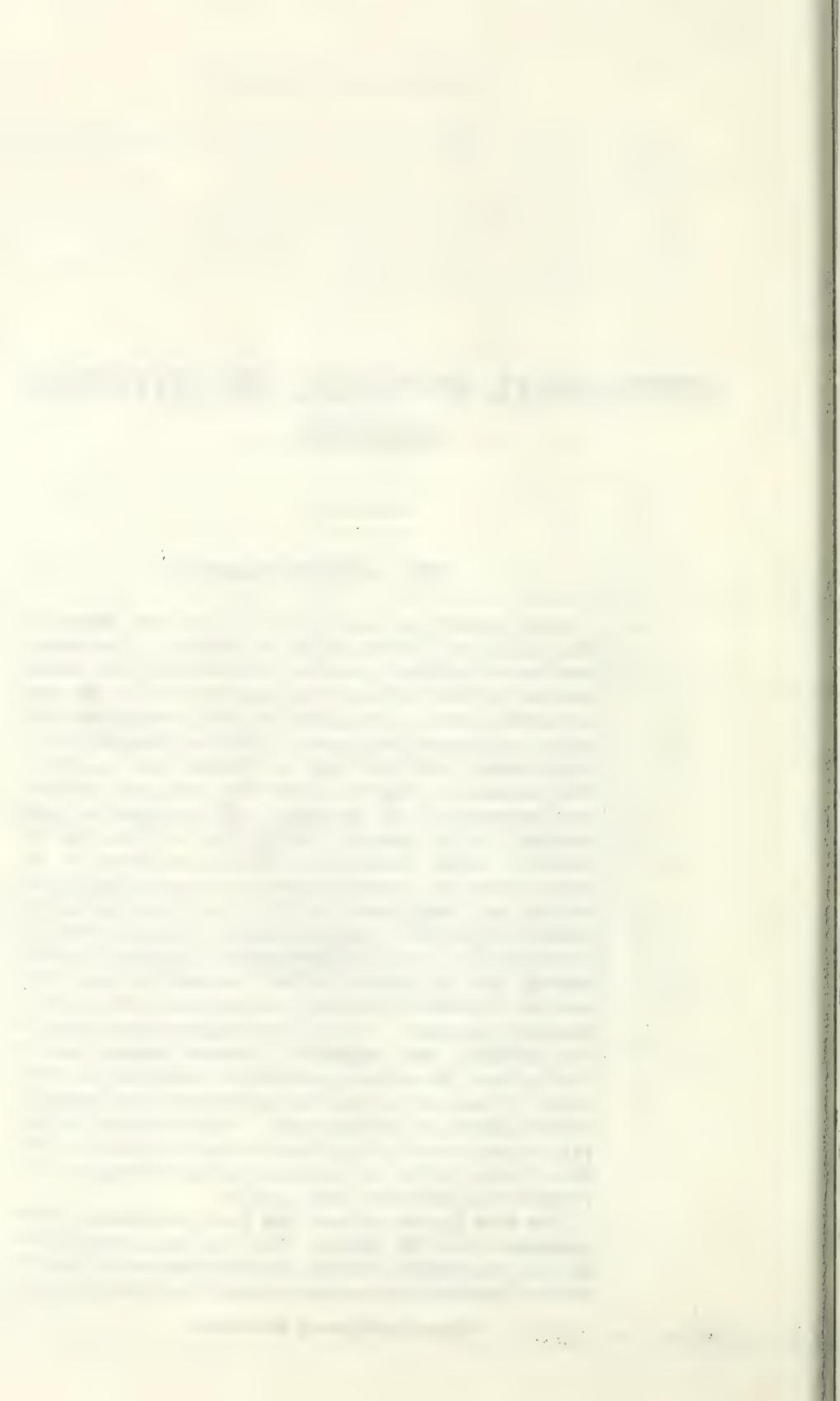
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### THE ABBOT FAMILY.

I ABIEL ABBOT, H. U. 1787, D. D. 1838, was the son of Dea. Abiel and Dorcas Abbot, of Wilton. The parents were most excellent persons, and attained the utmost success by their industry and perseverance in the new settlement, so as to be enabled to give a collegiate education to three of their sons. Abiel was the oldest of a large family, and was born in Wilton, Dec. 14, 1765.\* He graduated at Harvard University 1787, and received the degree of D. D. in 1838. He sustained a good standing in his class at college, and a character unstained. After teaching in Phillips Academy at Andover about two years, pursuing a course of theological studies, and being tutor in H. U. one year, he was ordained, in October, 1795, minister of the first church in Coventry, Ct. Owing to differences of opinion between himself and the church, he left Coventry in June, 1811, and the September following was appointed Principal of Dummer Academy. In 1819 he resigned the charge of the academy, and moved to Andover, where, and at Chelmsford, in various pursuits, he remained till 1827 when in June he was installed minister of the Congregational Church in Peterborough. He continued to supply the pulpit until 1839, when his health failed, and the Rev. Curtis Cutler was installed as his colleague. He resigned his pastorate Sept. 9, 1848.

Few men have ever lived that have sustained a better character than Dr. Abbot. His life was adorned with all the attainments, virtues, and excellences that belong to the Christian or man, and it would be difficult to say

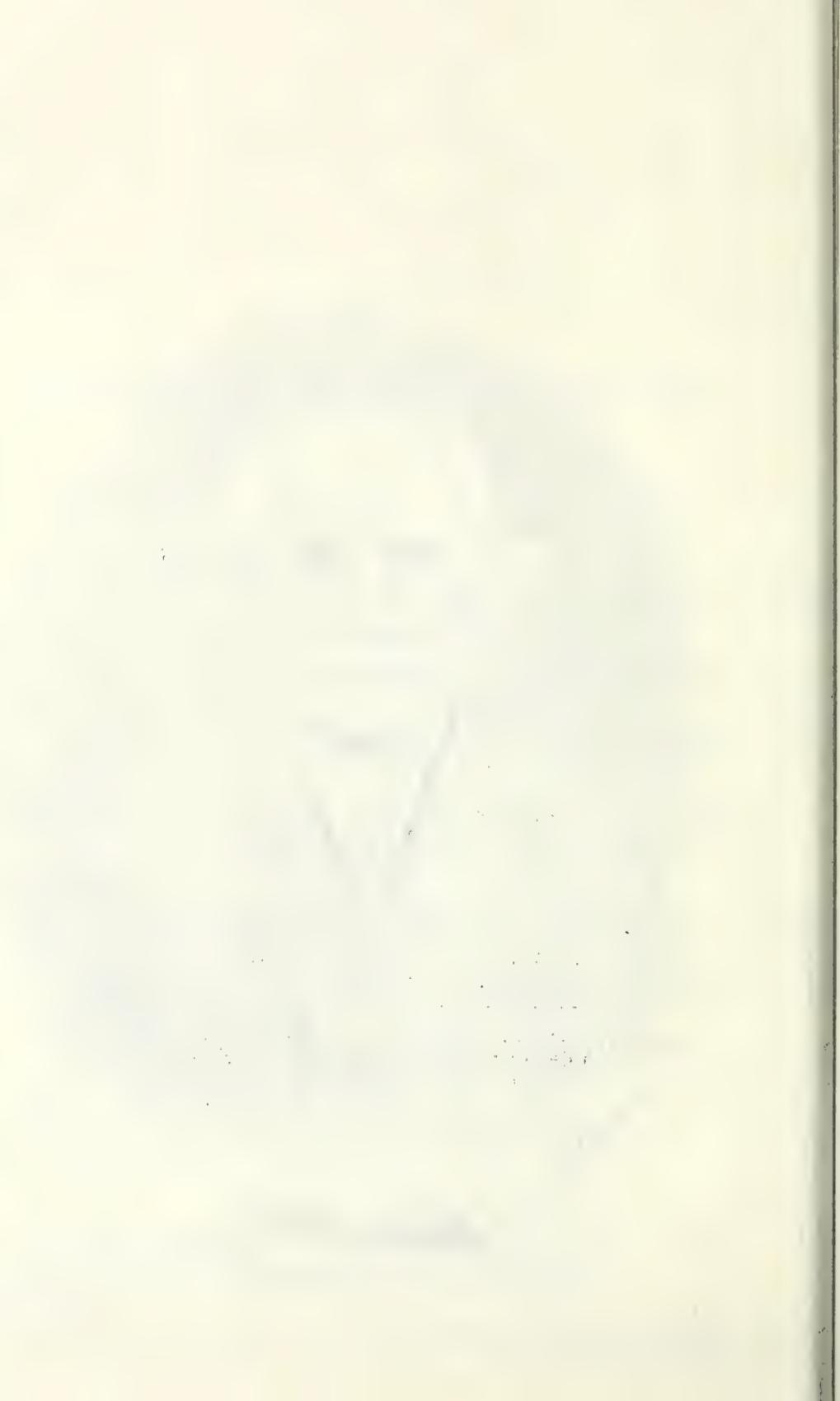
\* Genealogical Register of Abbot Family.





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Abiel Abbott



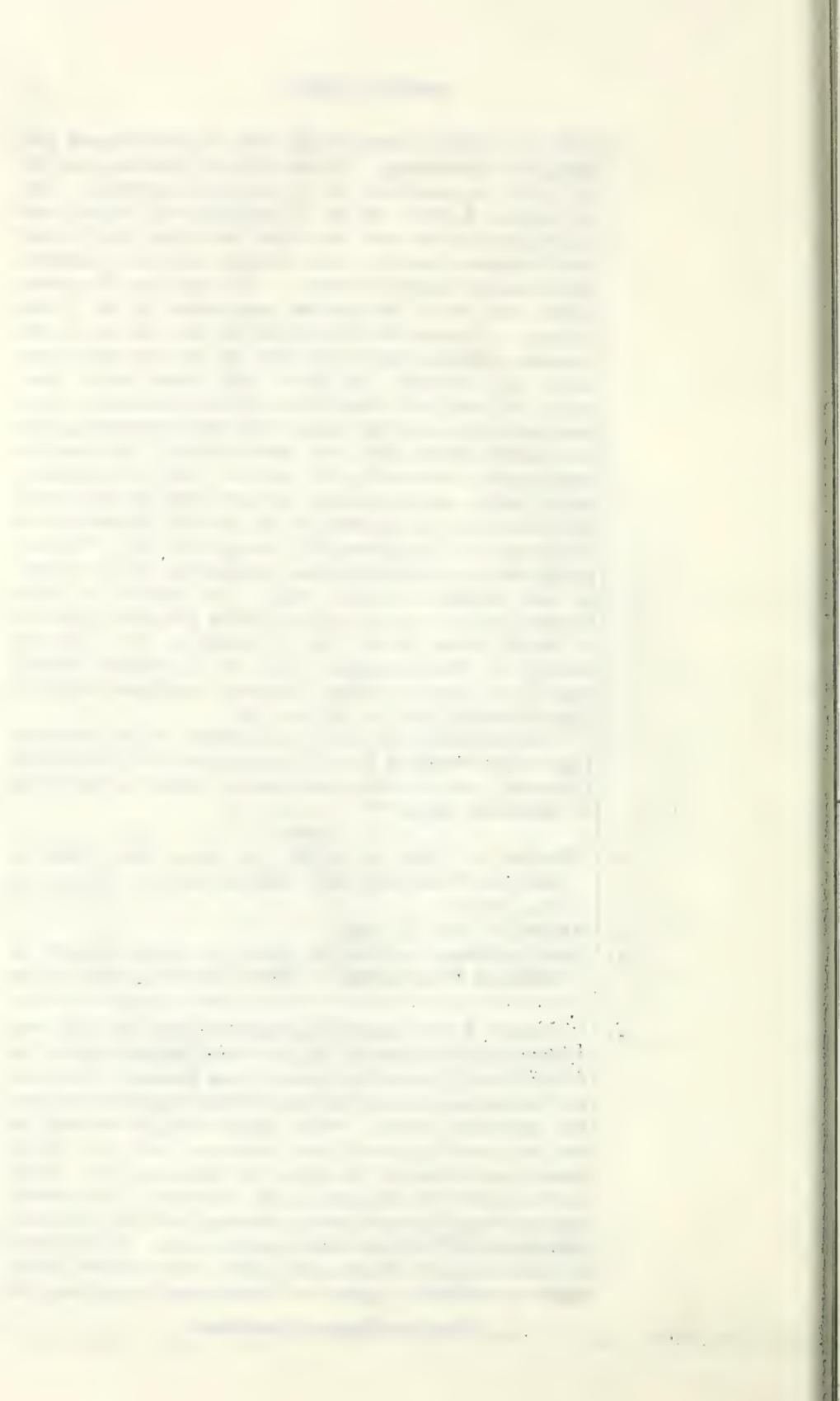
what his faults or errors in life were, he was so pure and upright in everything. He was always planning and doing good to some one, or to society in general. The Ministerial Library of the Congregational Society was established by his own individual exertions and private contributions from his own library, and now numbers about twelve hundred volumes. He also was the prime mover, and one of the earliest supporters, of the Town Library. He was always untiring in his efforts for the common schools, and long after the period most men retire, on account of their age, from active pursuits, his zeal and interest remained unabated. As a preacher he was always plain, clear, and interesting, and as a pastor always kind and sympathizing. He was always greatly beloved by the people. He was scholarly in his habits, and kept alive a knowledge of the Greek and Latin classics, as well as an intimate knowledge of the progress of his times, all through his life. No language can be an exaggeration in speaking of the character and virtues of such a man. He removed to West Cambridge in 1854, to reside with his grandson, Rev. S. A. Smith, where he d. Jan. 31, 1859, æ. 93. He was buried in Peterborough. He m. Elizabeth Abbot, dau. Capt. John A. Abbot, Andover, 1796, and she d. in Peterborough, April 6, 1853, æ. 87.

"He published, in 1811, a statement of the proceedings which resulted in a dissolution of his ministry in Coventry; and in 1829 published a history of the town of Andover, Mass."\*

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- 2 *Elizabeth*, b. May 22, 1798; m. 1822, Rev. John A. Douglas, Waterford, Me. She d. Oct. 12, 1823, æ. 25 yrs., 4 mos.
  - 3 *Abigail*, b. Oct. 17, 1799.
  - 4 *Sarah Dorcas*, b. June 22, 1801; m. 1828, Samuel G. Smith, of Peterborough. She d. June 11, 1831, æ. 30.
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1 DANIEL ABBOT, born in Lyndeboro, July 31, 1769, was a descendant of one of the six early progenitors of the Abbot family, but which one is not known. He came to Peterborough, when twelve or fifteen years old, to learn the carpenter's trade. When quite young he worked on the old meeting-house, and afterward built the Bleak house, now owned by Nathaniel H. Morison, Esq. Early in the century he engaged in the business of chair-making, and manufactured such a thorough article, that many specimens of them are now in use in town. He removed to Newburyport, Mass., and spent four or five years, when he returned again to Peterborough, and was en-

\* Genealogical Register of Abbot Family.



gaged in the mercantile business a number of years before he left town, in 1834. He m. July 5, 1798, Sally Allison, of Londonderry, b. Dec. 17, 1769, and d. in New York, Nov. 22, 1837, æ. 67 yrs., 11 mos. He d. at Westford, Mass., Jan. 27, 1854, æ. 84 yrs., 5 mos. He was Town Clerk in 1815.

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- 2 *Jane*, b. Sept. 30, 1800; m. John Scott; re. to Detroit, Mich.
- 3 *Sarah*, b. Nov. 3, 1806; m. May 6, 1830, Jefferson Fletcher. Ch., (1) Mary L., b. Oct. 15, 1835; m. Robert B. Hallock, New York City; (2) Sarah A., b. July 26, 1841; (3) Edmund, b. Oct. 15, 1849.
- 4 *Daniel*, b. Apr. 11, 1808; m. 1838, Dorothy E. Cutter, b. Sept. 20, 1809. Ch., (1) Laura Jane, b. Nov. 7, 1842; m. 1862, Albert Stevens; one ch., Ida M. He d. in New York, Sept. 2, 1854, æ. 46 yrs., 4 mos.
- 5 *John*, b. Jan. 24, 1810; m. Jan. 2, 1834, Pamelia Beach, Monroe, Mich.; d. in Michigan, Nov. 30, 1834, æ. 24 yrs., 5 mos.

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#### THE ADAMS FAMILY.

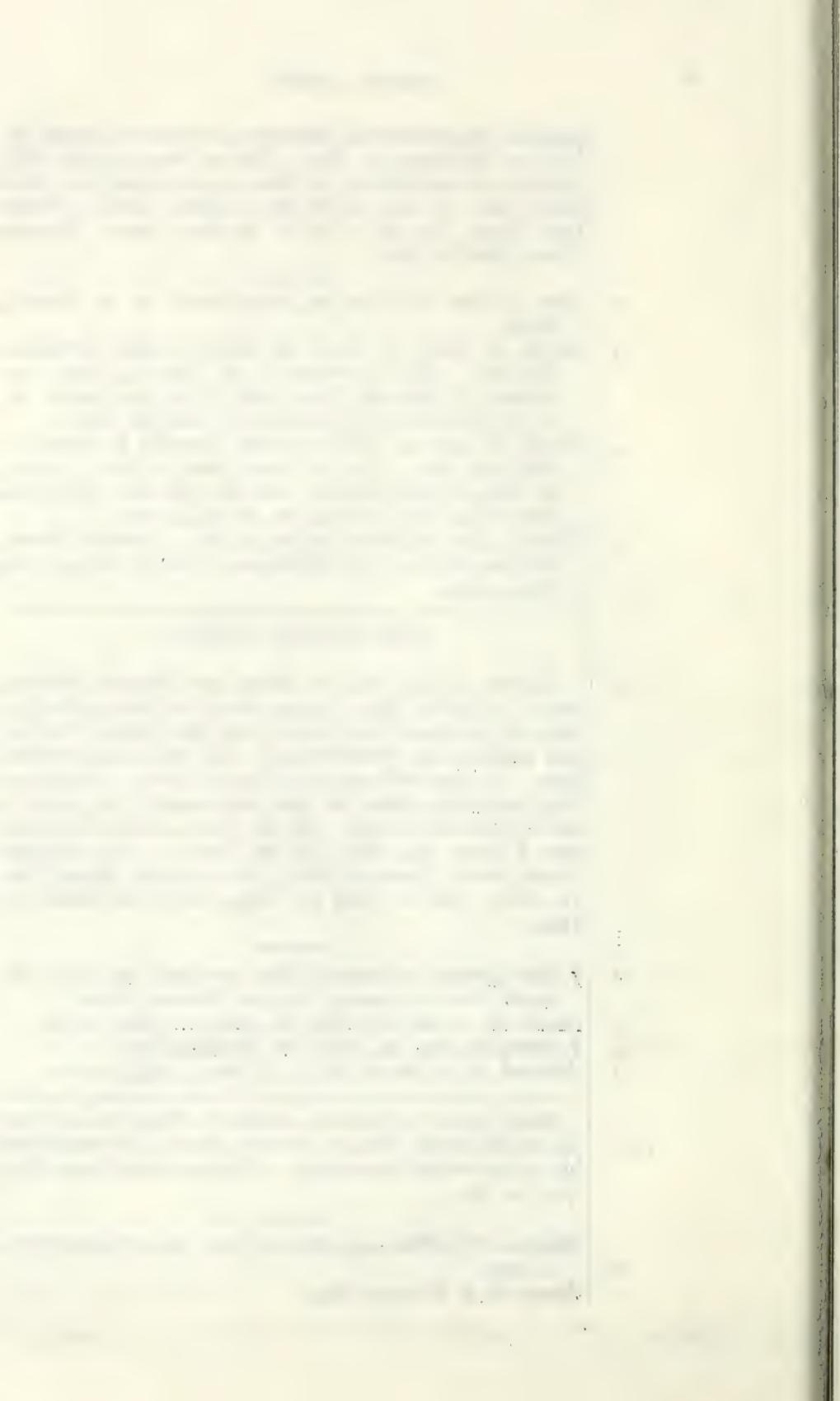
1 SAMUEL ADAMS, son of Moses and Hannah Wilson, was b. in Dublin, May 3, 1794, where he lived until 1837, when he purchased the farm of the late Daniel Robbe, and removed to Peterborough. He has since resided here. He has held various offices in town. Selectman 1841 and 1859, 1860; he also represented the town in the Legislature in 1847. He m., 1st w., Almira Kendall, who d. June 25, 1823; 2d w., Dec. 3, 1824, Martha Broad, who d. June 20, 1825; 3d w., Azuba Broad, Jan. 23, 1827. She d. May 30, 1854, æ. 60; b. March 17, 1794.

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- 2 †*John Quincy*, b. Oct. 27, 1827; m. Sept. 29, 1853, Abbie W. Fisk, b. June 9, 1831, of Weston, Mass.
- 3 *Sarah B.*, b. July 18, 1829; d. Aug. 10, 1869, æ. 40.
- 4 †*Samuel*, b. Sept. 14, 1831; m. Matilda Nay.
- 5 *Hannah A.*, b. July 8, 1833; d. Nov. 1, 1857, æ. 24.

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1-2 JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, m. Abbie W. Fisk, dau. of Sewall and Martha S. Fisk, of Weston, Mass. He succeeded his father on the homestead. Has been selectman 1870, '71, '72, '74.

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- 6 *Wallace P.*, b. Dec. 23, 1854; d. Nov. 30, 1864, æ. 9 yrs., 11 mos.
- Henry F.*, b. May 30, 1857.



- 7    *Herbert G.*, b. May 14, 1860; d. Aug. 21, 1865, æ. 5 yrs.,  
8        3 mos.  
9    *Helen F.*, b. June 25, 1864.  
10   *Mary M.*, b. Aug. 6, 1873.
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11-4   SAMUEL ADAMS, m. Matilda Nay, Apr. 21, 1853. He  
is a paper manufacturer at the mill formerly owned by  
A. P. Morrison.

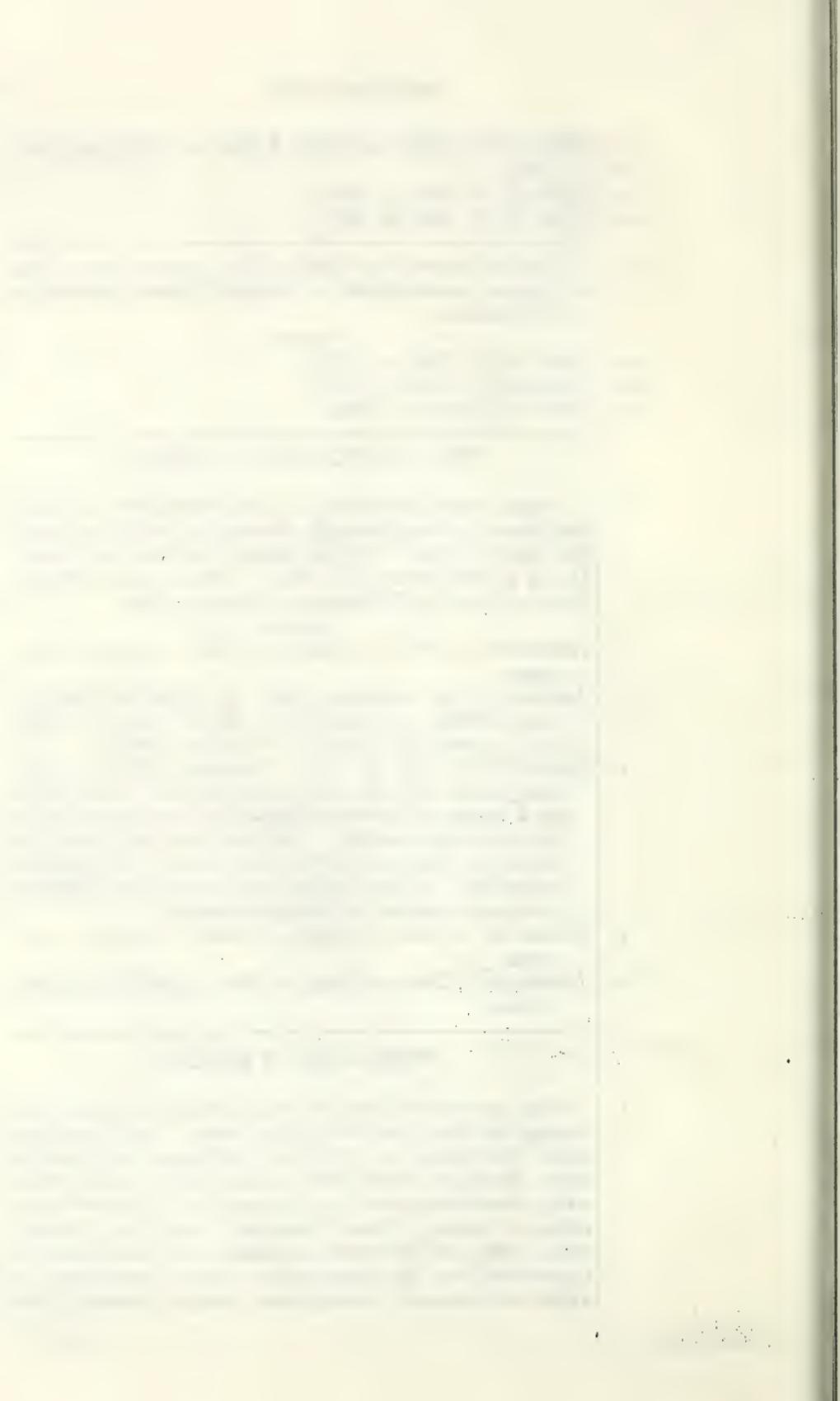
- 11   *Loren W.*, b. Nov. 14, 1857.  
12   *Clarabel F.*, b. Oct. 1, 1861.  
13   *Kate A.*, b. Sept. 2, 1864.
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#### THE ALEXANDER FAMILY.

- 1   AMASA ALEXANDER was b. in Marlboro, Feb. 18, 1798,  
and came to Peterborough about 1812, and lived with  
Dr. David Carter. He has resided in town ever since.  
He is a brick-mason by trade. He m. Eliza Woods,  
May 11, 1826, of Hillsboro, b. June 29, 1803.
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- 2   *Harriet M.*, b. Nov. 25, 1829; d. Mar. 3, 1832, æ. 2 yrs.,  
3 mos.  
3   *Lucien A.*, b. in Amoskeag, Aug. 13, 1832; m. Jan. 19,  
1856, Bethiah A. Greenfield. He d. Aug. 16, 1873,  
æ. 41. One ch., Lizzie M., b. July 28, 1860.  
4   *Charles F.*, b. July 3, 1835. Drowned Feb. 17, 1851,  
being swept over the dam at Granville P. Felt's shop,  
on a piece of ice which broke off unexpectedly, on  
which he was standing. His body was not found for  
six weeks, after every effort to recover it had proved  
unavailing. It was finally found in the river, near the  
pine trees opposite the village cemetery.  
5   *Wilbur G.*, b. June 19, 1839; d. Oct. 5, 1840, æ. 1 yr.,  
3 mos.  
6   *Louisa A.*, b. Dec. 10, 1849; d. Nov. 5, 1859, æ. 9 yrs.,  
10 mos.
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#### THE ALLD FAMILY.

- 1   WILLIAM ALLD (Capt.) was b. in Ireland, 1723, and was  
among the early settlers of the town. He came here  
from Merrimack, in 1778, and purchased the farm on  
which the Bogle family lived, in the north part of town,  
which descended to his son, Samuel Alld. He held many  
offices in town: Town Treasurer, 1783, '84; Tithing-  
man, 1785, and Surveyor a number of years; and on  
Committee for the Amendment of the Constitution, in  
1782, with Samuel Cunningham, Joseph Hammill, Jere-



miah Smith, and James Cunningham. He m. Lettuce —, who was b. 1725, and d. March 5, 1807, æ. 82. He d. Aug. 25, 1805, æ. 82.

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- 2 *John*, b. 1756; d. July 14, 1790, æ. 34.  
 3 *Benjamin*, b. 1759, m. Nancy White. He d. Nov. 4, 1823, æ. 64. He served three years in the Revolutionary War.  
 4 *Jenny*, b. —, 1762; m. Capt. Robert Swan, q. v.  
 5 †*Samuel*, b. —, 1766; m. Martha Swan and Lydia Perry, q. v.
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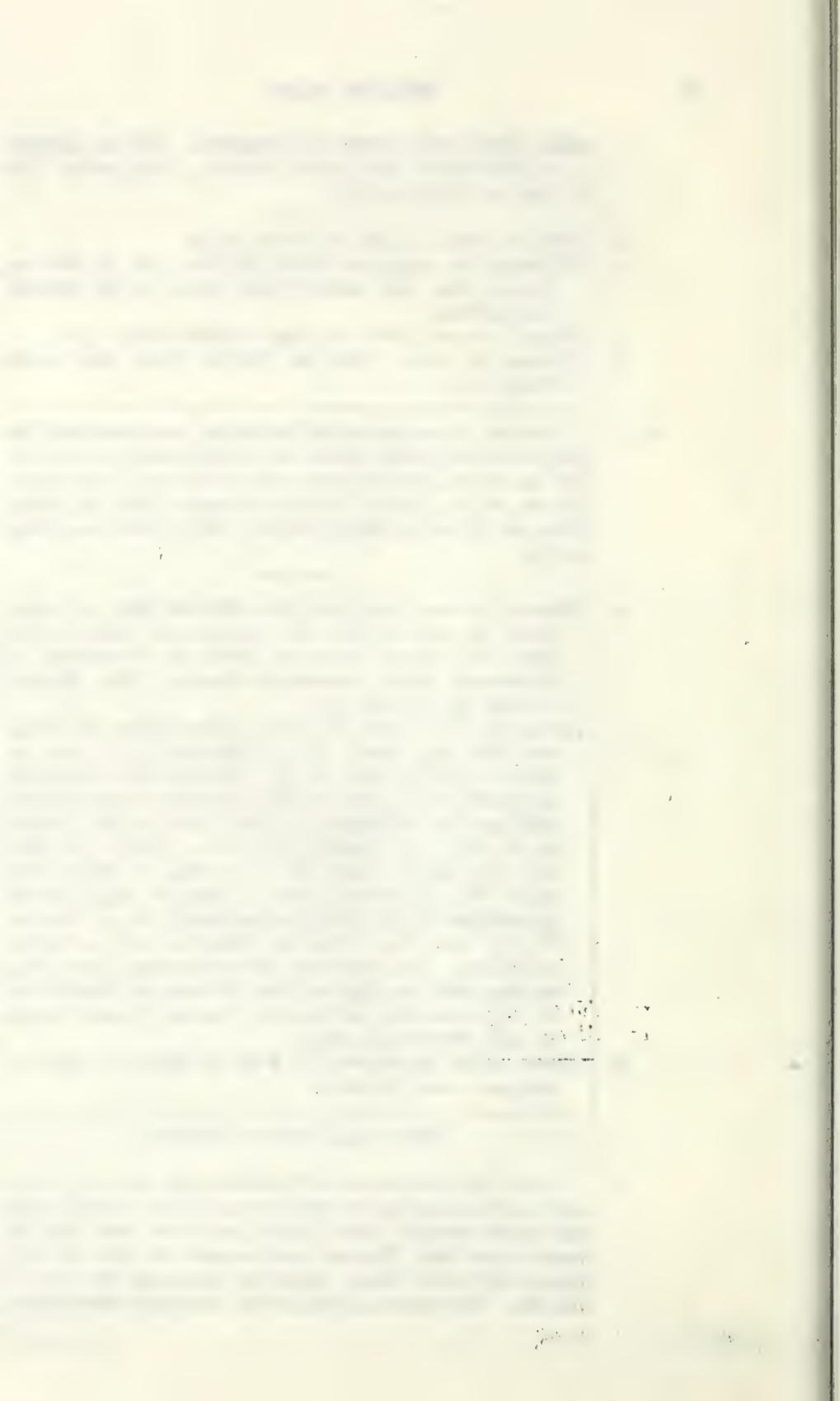
1- 5 SAMUEL ALLD succeeded his father, and occupied the Bogle farm so-called, where he resided nearly all his life. He m., 1st w., Martha Swan, who d. Oct. 23, 1821, æ. 51; He m., 2d w., Lydia Perry, of Rindge, Dec. 30, 1823. Two ch. by 1st w., one by 2d w. He d. Dec. 24, 1841, æ. 75.

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- 6 *Hannah*, b. —, 1795; m. John Metcalf, Nov. 18, 1816. Three ch. now living; *viz.*, Samuel and John in San Jose, Cal. Mary Jane, m. Edwin P. Worcester, of Weymouth, Mass., a broker in Boston. Mrs. Metcalf d. May 13, 1832, æ. 37.  
 7 *Lettuce*, b. —, 1797; m. 1st h. Loren Way, of Lempster, Feb. 25, 1816. Ch. (1) Samuel S., b. Dec. 17, 1816; d. Jan. 4, 1872, æ. 55. He had been eminently successful in life, and d. with a property of about three millions; (2) William S., b. —, 1818, d. in California in 1854; (3) Jasper F., b. —, 1820, r. in Boston; (4) Martha Jane, b. —, 1822, r. West Randolph, Vt.; (5) Sarah Jane, b. 1824, d. 1840, æ. 16; (6) Addison L., b. 1826, in Rochester, Vt., r. Warren, Vt.; (7) John M., b. May 29, 1829, m. —; a lawyer in Boston. Mrs. Way was divorced from Loren Way in 1829, and in 1830 m. John Whitten, of Rochester, Vt., by whom she had two ch., Charles F., and George S. Mr. Whitten d. 1846.  
 8 *James Miller*, by 2d w., b. Feb. 4, 1829; d. April 2, 1829, æ. 1 mo., 28 days.
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#### THE ALLISON FAMILY.

- 1 JOHN ALLISON came to Peterborough, Sept. 25, 1801, and on the same day he said he walked into town through the Street Road to John Little's, and then took the old road—the Bart. Thayer road—west of the meeting-house hill to the village, where he remained the rest of his life. He was employed in the factories many years,



— a wood-workman and turner by trade. He was an honest and worthy man. He was born in Dunbarton, March 23, 1776, and d. in Peterborough, Aug. 13, 1864, æ. 88 yrs., 4 mos. He m., 1st w., Rachel Ladd, of Dunbarton, in 1805; b. June 9, 1780; d. Sept. 3, 1824, æ. 44. He m., 2d w., Abigail Perry, of Rindge, b. May 15, 1791, and d. at Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 13, 1873, æ. 81 yrs., 8 mos.

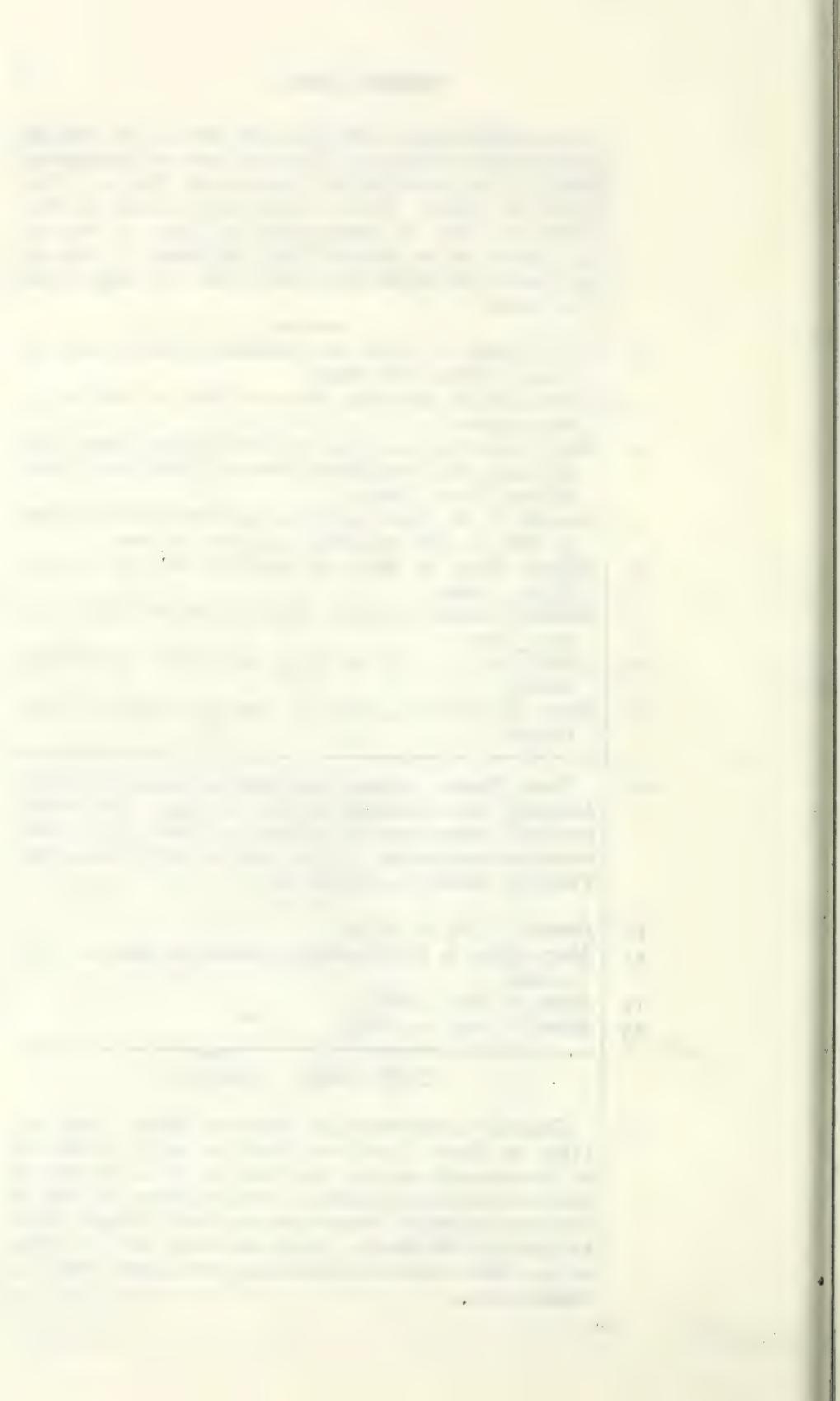
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- 2 *Ira*, b. June 11, 1806; m. Catharine Gillis, b. Nov. 12, 1812; r. New York State.  
 3 *Fanny Ladd*, b. March 4, 1811; d. Feb. 24, 1847, æ. 35 yrs., 11 mos.  
 4 *Mary B.*, b. Jan. 31, 1813; m. Rev. Zebulon Jones, Apr. 18, 1843; ch. living, Maria Frances, Ella Carrie, Willie Allison, Frank Irving.  
 5 *Caroline P.*, b. Sept. 9, 1817; m. Moses Wilkins, Sept. 5, 1866; d. July 29, 1867, æ. 49 yrs., 10 mos.  
 6 *Abigail Maria*, b. Sept. 22, 1827; d. Dec. 23, 1835, æ. 8 yrs., 3 mos.  
 7 *Elizabeth Sarah*, b. July 5, 1829; d. Dec. 21, 1864, æ. 35 yrs., 5 mos.  
 8 † *John Perry*, b. July 28, 1831; m. Lizzie Ann Thing, Exeter.  
 9 *Henry F.*, b. Feb. 5, 1837; d. Aug. 19, 1839, æ. 2 yrs., 6 mos.
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10-8 JOHN PERRY ALLISON was fitted for college at Exeter Academy, and graduated at H. U. 1854. He studied law and commenced his practice at Sioux City, Iowa, where he now resides. He m. May 20, 1858, Lizzie Ann Thing, of Exeter, b. May 8, 1833.

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- 10 *Fannie*, b. July 31, 1859.  
 11 *Mary Olive*, b. July 2, 1861; d. Sept. 21, 1862, æ. 1 yr., 2 mos.  
 12 *Hattie*, b. May 6, 1863.  
 13 *Mabel*, b. Aug. 11, 1867.
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### THE AMES FAMILY.

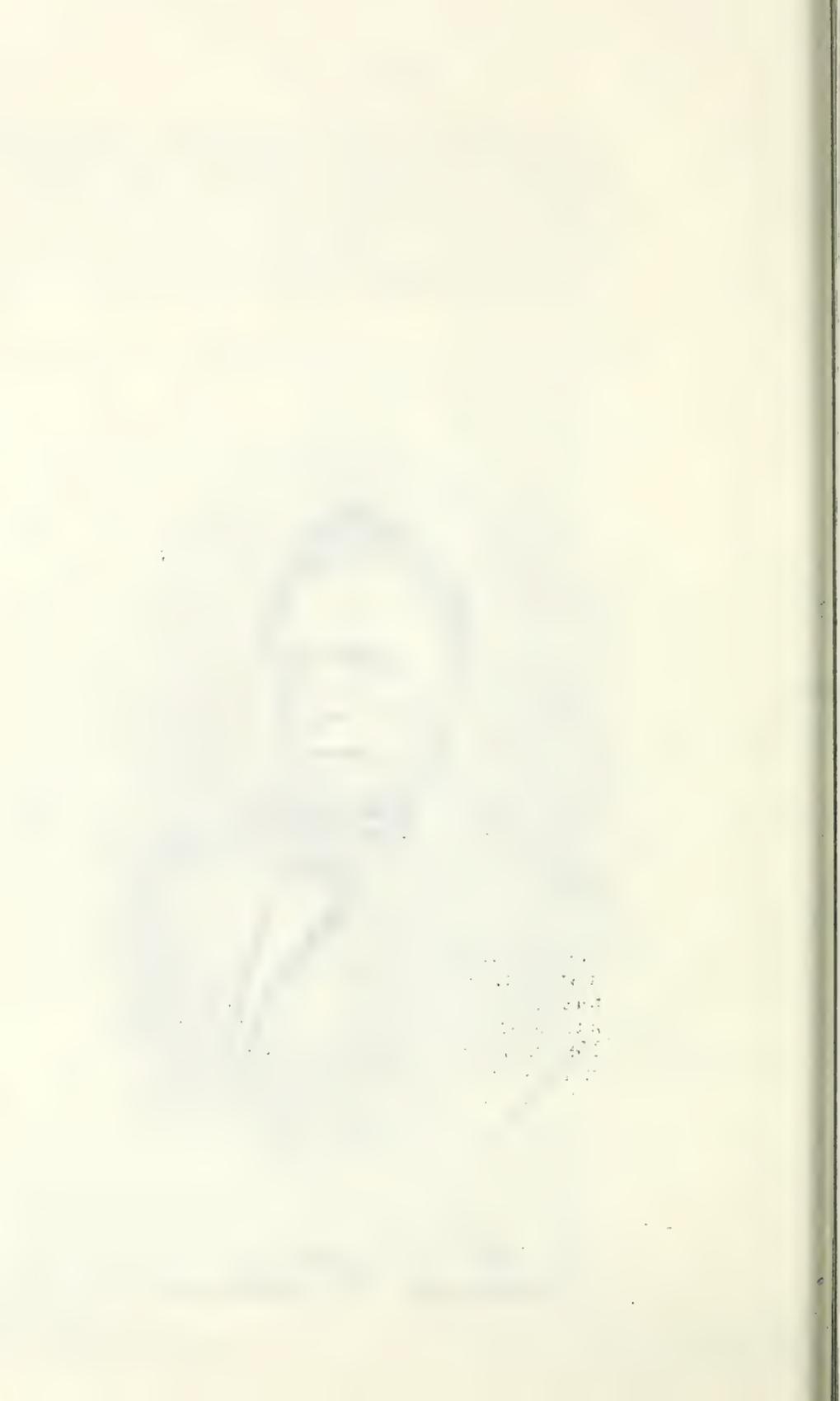
- 1 TIMOTHY AMES was b. in Andover, Mass., Sept. 26, 1765; m. Sarah Kneeland, March 22, 1787. Removed to Peterborough in 1793, first living in the north part of the town, and subsequently in various places, till late in life, when he built a house near the North Village, where he lived till his death. He d. suddenly, May 14, 1835, æ. 69. His w. survived him many years, and d. Nov. 13, 1861, æ. 92.





Burford's Lith. Boston

Erastus K. Ames



previous to 1812, a circumstance that modified all his after life. Being of a quick and observing turn of mind, he acquired much information by such an intercourse, and an address and manner that was of great service to him through his life. He faithfully improved all these advantages.

He returned to Peterborough in 1812, and soon commenced the business of auctioneer, in which he was very popular and successful, not only in town, but in all the adjoining towns for a circuit of twenty-five miles. His first sale was the property of James Ferguson. He sold a large amount of property for Hon. Samuel Smith, and a larger number of acres for Gen. James Wilson. In the autumn of 1821 he sold at auction for sixty-five days before the first of January. In 1861, finding his labor too severe, and his business increasing rapidly, he associated with him in this business Col. S. I. Vose, under the firm of "Ames & Vose," which partnership continued to his death. The last sale to which he gave his personal attention, was in January, 1871, at East Jaffrey.

In 1819 he received his first appointment as deputy sheriff, from Gen. Benjamin Pierce, and held this office until his death, under all the successive administrations of the various high sheriffs of either political party. He was commissioned as justice of the peace in 1820, of the quorum in 1857, of the State in 1862. He was moderator for fourteen annual meetings of the town; *viz.*, 1833, '34, '38, '39, 1840, '42, '43, '44, '45, '46, '47, 1851, '55, 1861. He was selectman nine years, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1840, '41.

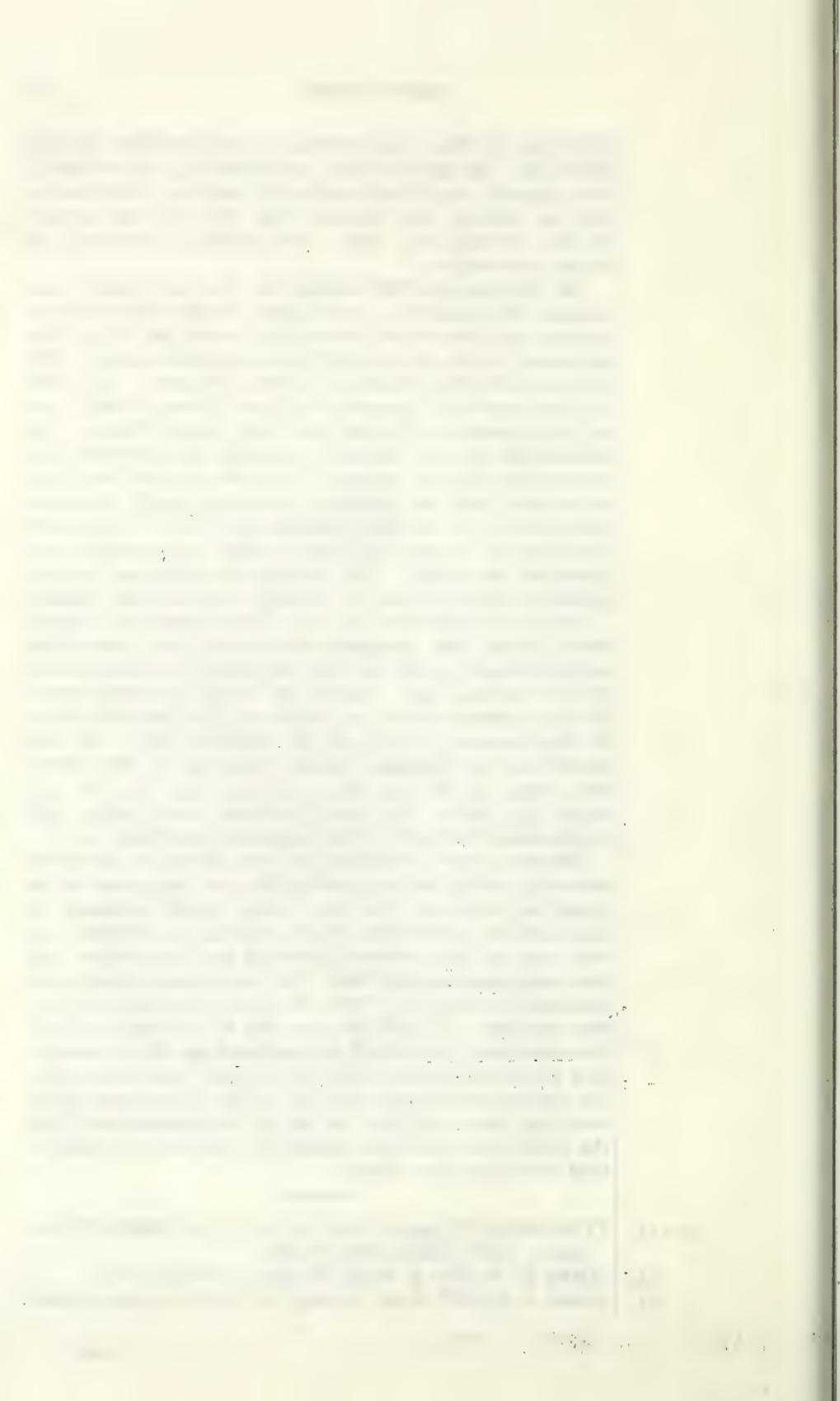
He was always interested in the affairs of the town, earnestly aiding and supporting all good measures for its peace and welfare. He was always public spirited, always liberal in donations to all charitable purposes. It was easy to know where he would be found when any new enterprise needed aid. He was always ready and foremost in any good work in town or in his own religious society. Of this he was one of the main pillars. He was deeply interested in a railroad to Peterborough, and sustained serious losses by his zeal and enterprise. He enlisted with much interest in the Monadnock Railroad, and was delighted to sit at his window and hear the shrill whistle of the locomotive, and see the train of cars come into the village.

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†*Theophilus Parsons*, b. Aug. 22, 1813; m. Almira P. Farnum; 2d w., Julia Ann Peaslee.

14 *Alpha E.*, b. Oct. 9, 1815; d. Oct. 4, 1826, æ. 11.

15 *Sarah*, b. April 8, 1816; d. Aug. 11, 1822, æ. 6 yrs., 4 mos.



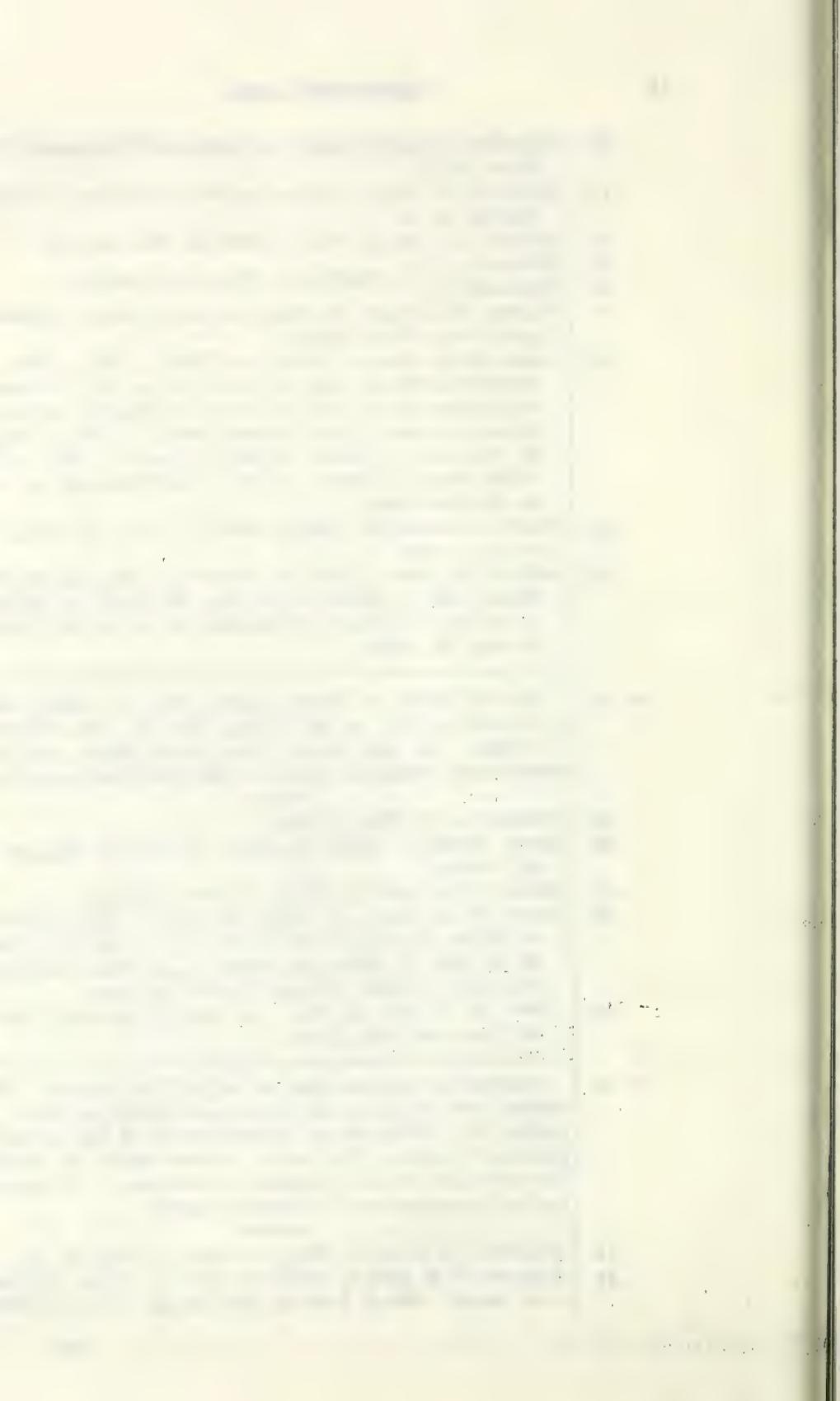
- 16 | *Charlotte*, b. April 8, 1818; m. Nathaniel Whittemore, Jr.,  
Rome, N. Y.
- 17 | *Mary E.*, b. Feb. 8, 1820; m. Wm. Wallace, of New  
Boston; q. v.
- 18 | *Eliza G.*, b. Aug. 5, 1821; d. Oct. 8, 1822, æ. 1 yr.
- 19 | *John A.*, } b. March 18, 1823; d. in infancy.
- 20 | *Benjamin F.*, }  
21 | †*George W.*, b. April 25, 1824; m., 1st w., Julia J. Greene;  
and 2d w., Eliza Brown.
- 22 | *Louisa E.*, b. Nov. 6, 1825; m. Feb. 5, 1863, John E.  
Needham, who d. Aug. 29, 1870, æ. 49 yrs., 10 mos.;  
ch., Walter B., b. Nov. 12, 1863; d. Sept. 28, 1870, æ.  
6 yrs., 10 mos.; Clara Ednah Ames, b. July 3, 1850;  
m. Charles B. Davis, of Jaffrey, June 11, 1871; ch.,  
Willie Burt, b. June 7, 1872. Mrs. Needham m., 2d  
h., William Burt.
- 23 | *Joseph Kneeland.*, b. Jan. 3, 1828; d. Oct. 24, 1844, æ.  
16 yrs., 9 mos.
- 24 | *Abbie E.*, b. June 5, 1829; m. March 22, 1854, Henry M.  
Breed; ch., (1) Harry A., b. May 18, 1856; (2) Arthur  
G., b. Oct. 16, 1864; (3) Marshall E., b. July 28, 1866;  
d. Aug. 26, 1866.

I- II ALVAH AMES, m. Betsey Little, May 21, 1828; she  
d. March 27, 1872, æ. 68; 2d w., Nov. 26, 1872, Rachel  
A. Watts. He has always lived in the village, and for  
many years carried on the beef and provision business.

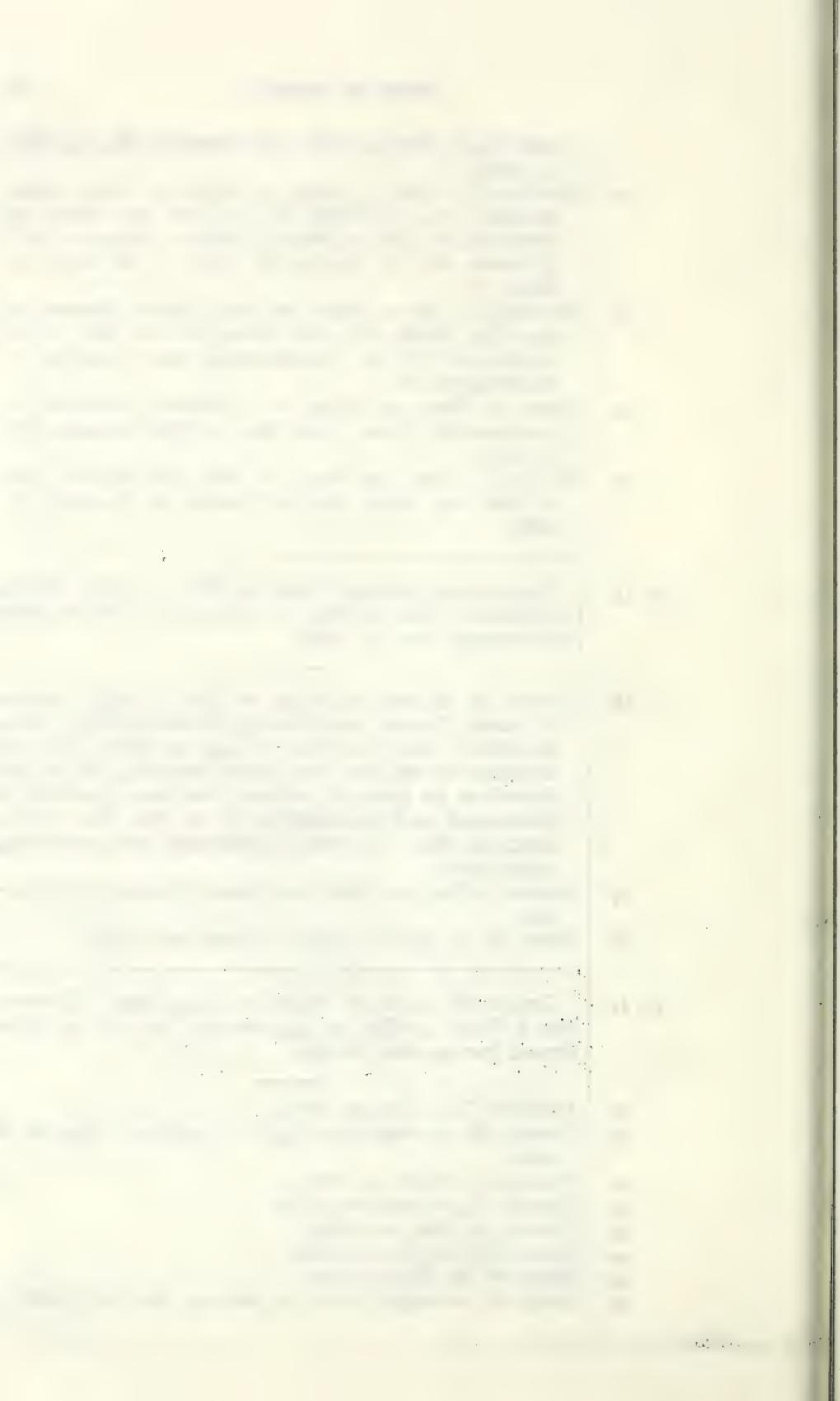
- 25 | *Elizabeth L.*, b. May 2, 1829.
- 26 | *Sarah Maria*, b. April 15, 1831; d. Feb. 25, 1833, æ. 1  
yr., 10 mos.
- 27 | *Alvah A.*, b. April 15, 1834; d. Sept. 4, 1835.
- 28 | *Sarah M.*, b. Sept. 27, 1835; m. June 7, 1854, Charles  
A. Miller; ch., (1) Lizzie M., b. June 2, 1856; (2) Fred  
M., b. Oct. 8, 1860; (3) Frank E., b. West Meriden,  
Ct., May 5, 1866; d. Sept. 6, 1866, æ. 4 mos.
- 29 | *Albert A.*, b. Feb. 24, 1845; m. Alice L. Kimball, 1871,  
of Chicopee Falls, Mass.

I- 12 JOSEPH H. AMES, m. Aug. 21, 1832, Mary Melvin. He  
erected the buildings where he now lives, on what is  
called the "Bailey place," directly north of the Congre-  
gational Church. He was a cabinet-maker by trade.  
He was many years undertaker for the town. A deacon  
in the Congregational Unitarian Church.

- 30 | *J. Melvin*, b. Sept. 8, 1835; d. April 19, 1850, æ. 15.
- 31 | *Augusta F.*, b. Dec. 2, 1836; m. Oct. 9, 1865, William  
A. Smith. He d. Feb. 24, 1870, æ. 34. Ch., (1) Mar-



- garet E., b. Oct. 3, 1866; (2) Frederick W., b., Feb. 23, 1869.
- 32 *Charles A.*, b. Jan. 1, 1839; m. Oct. 13, 1865, Annie Marden; ch., (1) Willis M., b. Dec. 29, 1867; (2) Arthur M., b. July 13, 1871; d. July 12, 1872, æ. 1 yr.; (3) Leslie W., b. March 29, 1873; r. in Bay City, Mich.
- 33 *Marshall*, b. July 14, 1841; m. 1869, Jennet Butman, of Bay City, Mich. Ch., (1) Henry M., b. July, 1870; (2) Howard B., b. Peterborough, Aug. 2, 1874; r. Bloomington, Ill.
- 34 *Agnes*, b. Sept. 23 1843; m. Chester C. Wheeler; r. Leavenworth, Kan. One ch., b. Peterborough, Oct. 15, 1875.
- 35 *Willis L.*, b. Sept. 29, 1845; m. 1868, Ella Butman. She d. Dec. 13, 1872; ch., (1) Charles B., b. April 27, 1869.
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- 3- 13 THEOPHILUS PARSONS AMES, m. Nov. 17, 1835, Almira P. Farnum. She d. Dec. 18, 1835, æ. 27; 2d w., Julia Ann Peaslee, Nov. 27, 1836.
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- 36 *Timothy K.*, b. Sept. 25, 1837; m. April 1, 1858, Louisa W., dau. Thomas and Lucretia Munson Little. Ch., Freddie, b. June 20, 1860; d. Aug. 29, 1860. He was educated to the law, but at the breaking out of the Rebellion he promptly enlisted, and was appointed a Lieutenant, and was killed in the 2d Bull Run battle, Aug. 29, 1862. He was an educated and promising young man.
- 37 *Almira*, b. Aug. 11, 1839; m. Frank Wheeler; r. in Boston.
- 38 *Alpha E.*, b. April 21, 1841; r. New York City.
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- 3- 21 GEORGE W. AMES, m. March 27, 1845, Julia J. Greene. She d. Feb. 4, 1859, æ. 33, two ch.; m., 2d w., Eliza Brown, Jan. 4, 1860, six ch.
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- 39 *Frederick J.*, b. Dec 25, 1851.
- 40 *Charles G.*, b. Sept. 22, 1853; d. April 19, 1854, æ. 6 mos.
- 41 *Julia A.*, b. April 13, 1861.
- 42 *Timothy K.*, b. Sept. 21, 1862.
- 43 *Dora L.*, b. Dec. 21, 1865.
- 44 *George W.*, b. July 11, 1866.
- 45 *Emma B.*, b. July 2, 1867.
- 46 *Mary E.*, b. Aug. 6, 1871; d. Jan. 14, 1872, æ. 5 mos.

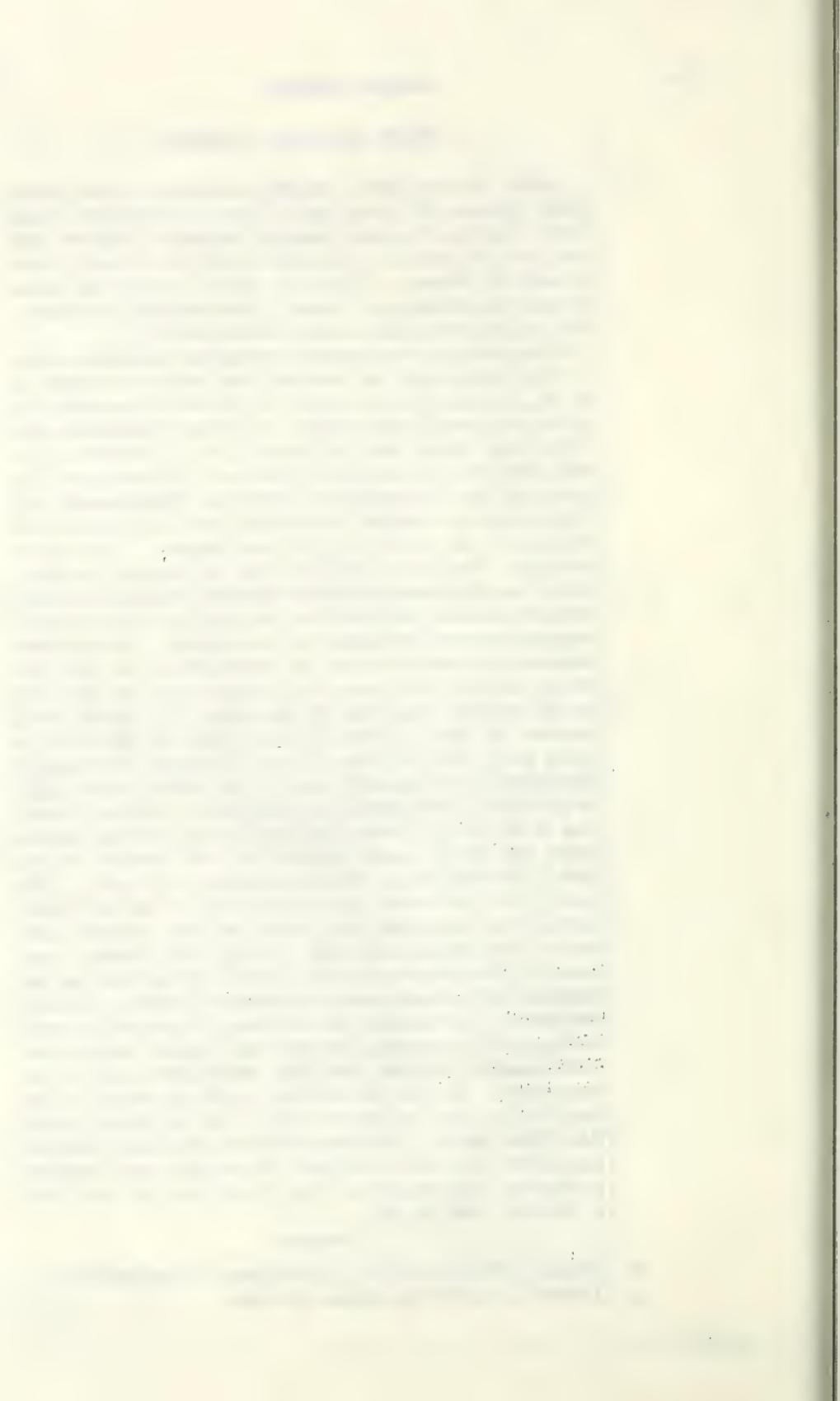


## THE ANNAN FAMILY.

**1** DAVID ANNAN (Rev.) was the third son of his father, John Annan, of Ceres, near Cupar of Fifeshire, Scotland. He was the next younger brother of Robert Annan, who was for some time pastor of the Federal Street Church in Boston. He was b. April 4, 1754, and came to America when quite young. He received his education at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.

His name does not appear among the graduates of the college, but in 1782 he received the honorary degree of A. M., it being the first name on the list of honorary degrees conferred by the college. He was ordained by the Presbytery which met at Walkill, N. J., October, 1778, with Peterborough as his destination. He remained the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Peterborough till 1792, when his pastoral connection was dissolved at his request by the Presbytery of Londonderry. He was by the same Presbytery deposed from the ministry in 1800. After his withdrawal from the ministry he seems to have lost all restraint, and became so openly vicious and intemperate as not any longer to be endured. His conduct towards his family became so brutal, that his wife was often compelled to pass a whole night with her children in the woods, from fear of violence. To rebuke such conduct as this, a party of young men of the town, in 1800, every one of whom is now deceased, thoroughly blackened and disguised, came to his house in the night to give him a ride upon a wooden horse. Having roused him at the door, he came out to drive away the intruders, when two of the party deputed for this service, seized him in his nude state, and placed him on the pole. The party now proceeded down the road as far as where Cyrus Frost now lives, and threw him into a morass just east of his house, and fled. Though Mr. Annan knew many of the perpetrators of this act, yet he was so unpopular that he could not bring them to justice. Though this mode of procedure was contrary to the wishes and feelings of the people, yet they very quietly acquiesced in the matter, thinking that little more than justice had been done. In 1801 he went to Scotland, and d. in Ireland in 1802, on his return home. He m. Sarah Smith, dau. John Smith. She lived with him till 1800, when on account of his cruel treatment she sought and obtained a divorce. She m., 2d h., John Todd, Dec. 31, 1816, and d. April 6, 1846, æ. 85.

**2** Sarah, b. Nov. 21, 1783; m. Benjamin Chamberlain.  
**3** David S., b. July 10, 1784; d. —.



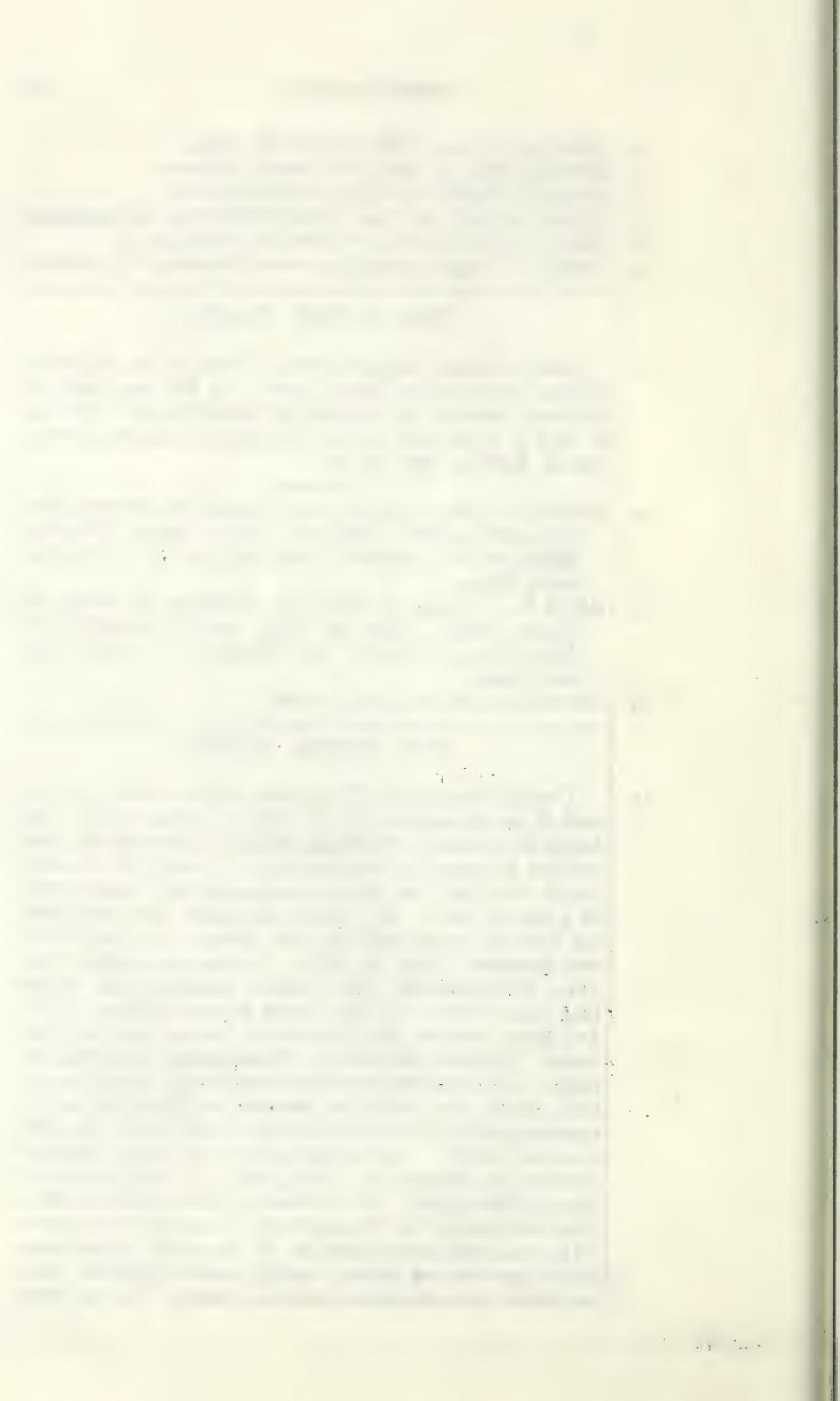
- 4 John, b. Oct. 30, 1787; d. Lowell, æ. 64.  
 5 Mary, b. Sept. 5, 1789; m. Samuel Holmes.  
 6 Robert, b. March 15, 1792; d. Manchester.  
 7 James, b. Sept. 28, 1794; unm.; now living as supposed.  
 8 Jane, b. May 10, 1797; d. Dec. 30, 1819, æ. 23.  
 9 Amelia, b. Aug. 30, 1799; m. —— Clements; d. Concord.
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### THE BAILEY FAMILY.

- 1 Joshua Bailey came to town in 1822 or '23; m. Mary Spring, dau. of Silas Spring, and r. in the east part of the town, near to the farm of his father-in-law. He was b. May 7, 1798, and d. Feb. 18, 1873, æ. 74 yrs., 9 mos. She d. April 4, 1862, æ. 62.
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- 2 Stephen, b. Dec. 23, 1824; m. Cornelia W. Horton, Boston, April 4, 1867. One ch., Maud Abbot, killed by falling out of a window, June, 1873, æ. 3; r. Charlestown, Mass.
- 3 Mary E., b. Sept. 26, 1826; m. Jonathan E. Drake, of Easton, Mass., May 16, 1853; ch. (1) Lewis E., (2) Albert B., (3) Flora P., (4) Charlie E.; r. New Bedford, Mass.
- 4 Harriet, b. June 27, 1829; unm.
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### THE BAKER FAMILY.

- 1 THOMAS BAKER, b. in Dorchester, Mass., Feb. 23, 1779, and d. in Perinton, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1851, æ. 72. He learnt his trade in Waltham, Mass. (paper-making), and in 1802 he came to Peterborough to work for Samuel Smith, who had just then commenced the manufacture of paper in town. Mr. Smith associated him and Samuel Russell in partnership with himself in 1806, which was dissolved Sept. 18, 1811. In the subsequent year, 1812, in connection with Samuel Russell, John White (son John White, Jr.), Mr. Baker went to Hoosac, N. Y., and there erected the first cotton factory built in that State. He soon returned to Peterborough, and was engaged in manufacturing cotton yarn in the Eagle Factory until April, 1822, when he removed to Franklin, and in company with John Cavender and John Smith Jr., built a cotton factory. He remained here till 1832, when he removed to Fairport, in Perinton, N. Y., and remained there till his death. The following is an extract from a short obituary in the Peterborough *Transcript* at the time: "He was intimately known to all the older inhabitants of the town as an honest, upright, and intelligent man, but blunt and outspoken, even to a fault. Yet no man



ever cherished kindlier feelings than he towards his friends, or was more ready with kind offices. It was his abhorrence of hypocrisy and deceit that often made him seem rough. Never was the oft-repeated and quoted line of Pope better illustrated than in this instance:—

“An honest man is the noblest work of God.”

He m. June 12, 1812, Hannah Bright, b. in Watertown, Mass., June 24, 1781. She d. in Perinton, N. Y., Jan. 11, 1860, æ. 78 yrs., 6 mos.

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- 2 *Jeremiah Smith*, b. in Hoosac, N. Y., May 3, 1813. He r. in Perinton, N. Y.; m., 1st w., Oct. 8, 1839, Adeline Sturtevant; 2d w., Nov. 4, 1869, Almira T. Pepper. Three ch., (1) Emma B., (2) Frances A., (3) Mary E.
- 3 *Catherine Frances*, b. in Peterborough, Jan. 16, 1815; unm.; r. Fairport, N. Y.
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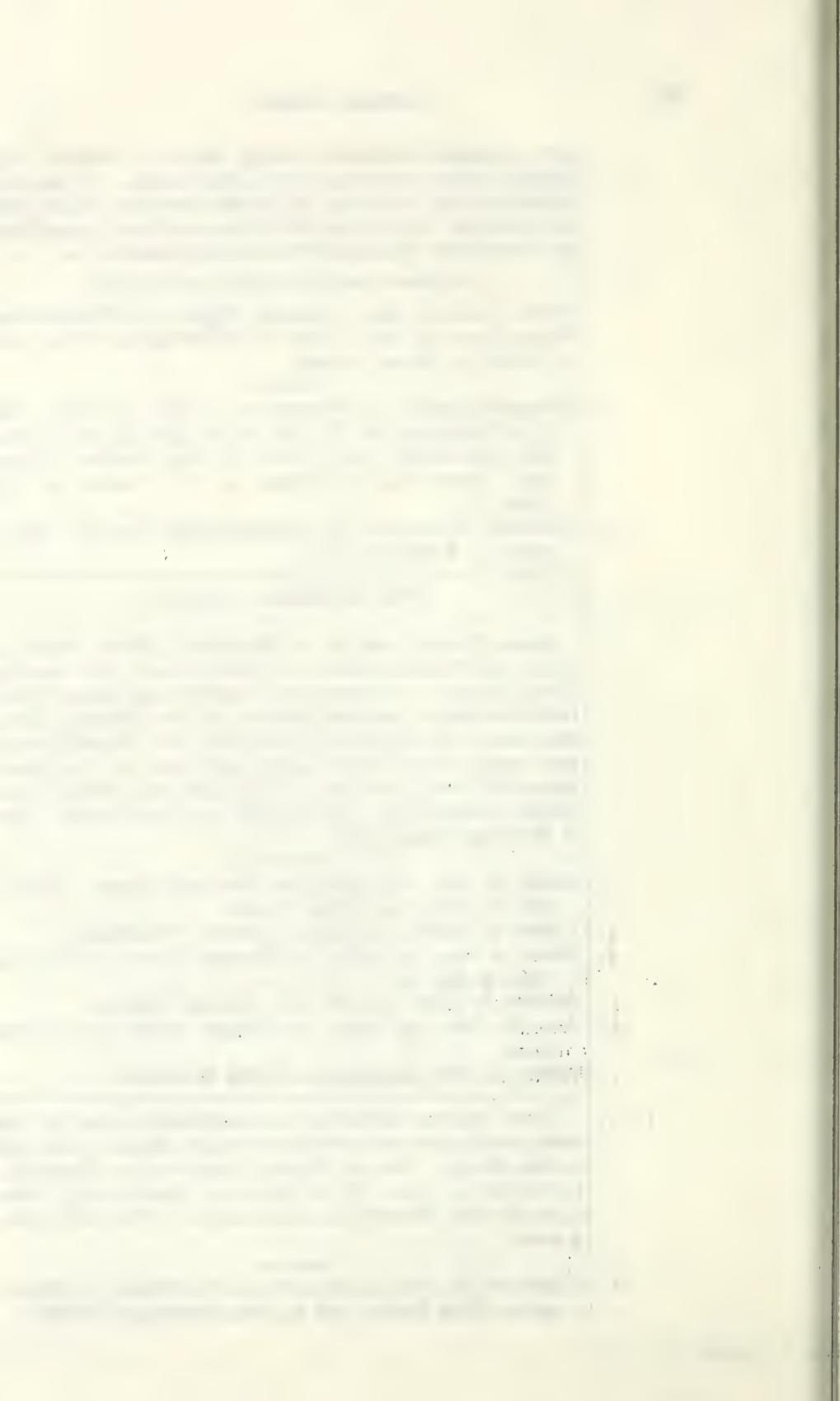
#### THE BARBER FAMILY.

1 *SILAS BARBER* was b. in Worcester, Mass., April 7, 1754; m. Prudence Rice, of Barre, Mass., who was b. Dec. 7, 1752. He removed to Peterborough about 1780, from Worcester, and first located on the Dunbar place, afterwards removed to what was called the Mitchell place, just south of the Faxon farm, and then to the place where the family now live. This place was probably occupied about 1783. He d. April 19, 1850, æ. 96. She d. May 19, 1849, æ. 97.

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- 2 *Mercy*, b. Oct. 18, 1782; m. Frederick Poor. She d. Feb. 13, 1875, æ. 93 yrs., 3 mos.
- 3 †*John*, b. March 31, 1783; m. Betsey Washburn.
- 4 *Fonas*, b. Aug. 12, 1787; m. Hannah Gates; d. Feb. 23, 1831, æ. 45, c.
- 5 *Martha*, b. June 25, 1789; m. Thomas Hadley.
- 6 *Lucey*, b. Dec. 18, 1791; m. William Allen; re. to New York.
- 7 †*Silas*, b. Feb. 12, 1794; m. Lydia Washburn.
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1- 3 *JOHN BARBER* settled in the northwest corner of the town, until a few years before his death, when he removed to the village. He m. Betsey Washburn, of Hancock, b. March 27, 1792. He d. Dec. 22, 1848, æ. 65. She d. in Le Roy, Barton Co., Mo., Aug. 12, 1872, æ. 80 yrs., 4 mos.

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- 8 †*John W.*, b. Nov. 1, 1810; m., 1st w., Elmina D. Davis; 2d w., Eliza Carley; 3d w., Mrs. Penelope Holden.



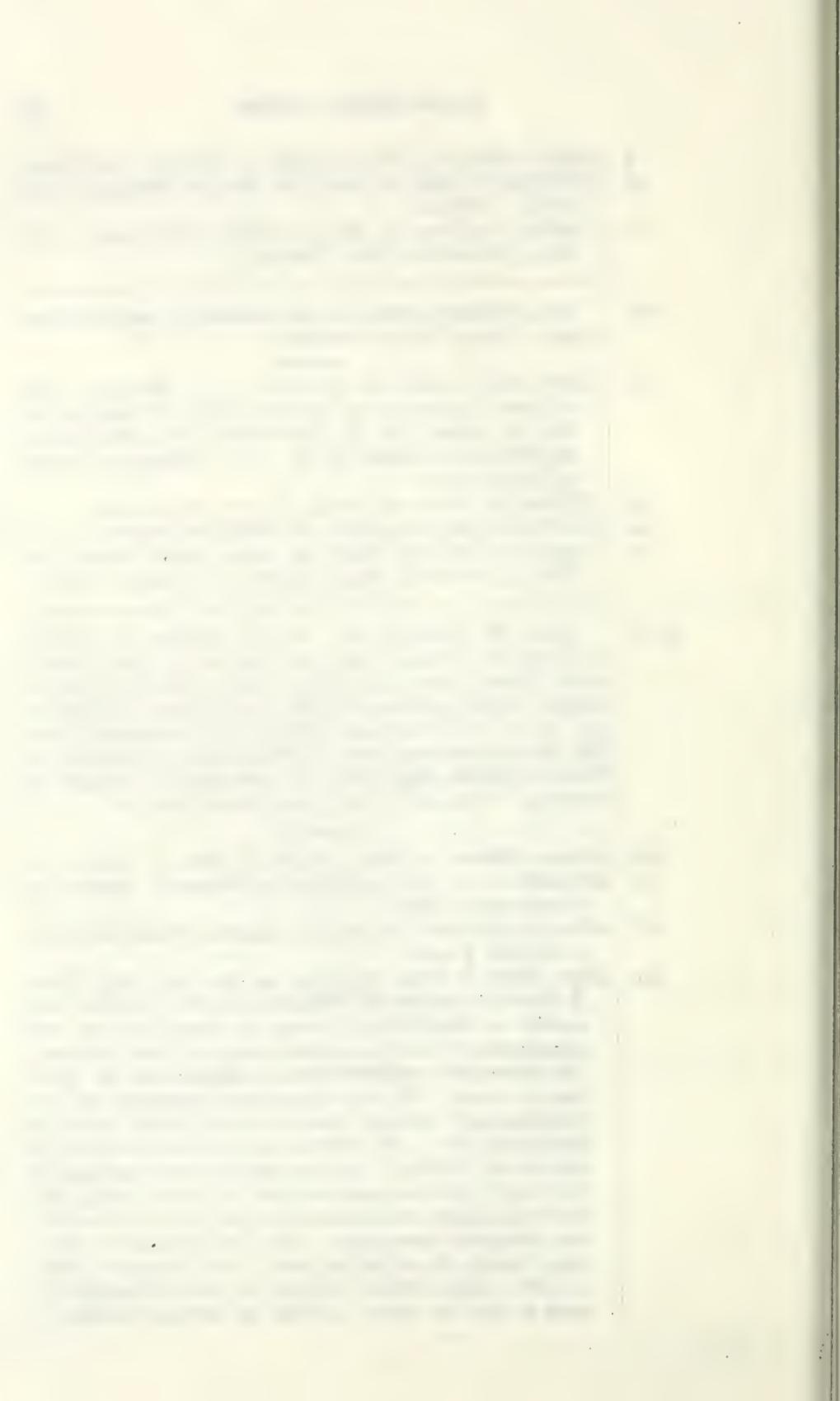
- 9    *Silas*, b. Nov. 27, 1811; d. Aug. 22, 1813, æ. 1 yr., 8 mos.  
 10    *Elizabeth*, b. April 21, 1816; m. George Haywood Hancock. Two ch.  
 11    *Prudence*, b. May 17, 1818; m. Rev. John Jones; r. Le Roy, Barton Co., Mo. One ch.
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1-7    SILAS BARBER settled on the homestead, and now lives there. He m. Lydia Washburn.

- 12    *Lydia Ann*, b. Dec. 18, 1820; m. A. C. Blodgett. She d. Nov. 6, 1843, æ. 22. One ch. John H. Blodgett, b. Nov. 6, 1842. M. D. University, Vt., 1866, now a physician in Concord, N. H. A. C. Blodgett d. Sept. 23, 1858, æ. 48.  
 13    *William*, b. March 27, 1824; d. —, 1825, æ. 1.  
 14    ~~†~~*Charles*, b. Sept. 22, 1826; m. Abby A. Parker.  
 15    *Louisa*, b. Dec. 19, 1830; m., 1849, Jones Dodge; ch. Ella L., b. March, 1851; Albert J., b. Aug. —, 1857.
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3- 8    JOHN W. BARBER, m., 1st w., Elmina D. Davis, of Hancock, who d. July 30, 1846, æ. 34 yrs., 3 mos.; 2d w., Eliza Carley, dau. Jabez Carley, who d. at Grasshopper Falls, Jefferson Co., Kansas, March 10, 1862, æ. 34; 3d w., Mrs. Penelope Holden, of Grasshopper Falls. Mr. Barber removed from Peterborough to Grasshopper Falls in March, 1855, where he now resides, engaged in farming. Five ch. by 1st w., and three by 2d w.

- 16    *Frances Elmina*, b. Nov. 7, 1838; d. Dec. 29, 1844, æ. 6.  
 17    *Marietta L.*, b. Dec. 22, 1840; m. Sidney J. Squiers; r. Grasshopper Falls.  
 18    *Albert D.*, b. Oct. 6, 1842; d. in Kansas, March 10, 1862, æ. 19 yrs., 5 mos.  
 19    *Ellen Maria*, b. Sept. 26, 1844; m., Nov. 26, 1863, Riley B. Hatch, a native of Williamstown, Vt. He was educated at Middlebury College, in class of 1857, and came to town in 1859 to take charge of the academy. He afterwards studied law and commenced the practice in town. He was appointed Treasurer of the Peterborough Savings Bank in 1864, which office he held until 1873. He represented the town in the Legislature in 1868-9. He first started the business of Fire and Life Insurance in town in March, 1863, and built up a large and successful agency here for numerous insurance companies. He still resides in town. Ch., Charles A., b. July 25, 1865; Ida Frances, b. Nov. 1, 1866; Ellen Maria, b. April 20, 1868; George Ernest, b. Jan. 22, 1870; d. Nov. 22, 1870, æ. 10 mos.



- 20 *James D.*, b. July 21, 1846; d. Aug. 25, 1846, æ. 1 mo., 4 days.  
 21 *Francis W.*, b. May 13, 1851; d. Aug. 23, 1852, æ. 1 yr., 3 mos.  
 22 *Frances E.*, b. Nov. 17, 1852, m. Henry James; r. Barton Co., Mo.  
 23 *Alfred C.*, b. July 3, 1861; d. July 22, 1862, æ. 1 yr.
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7- 14 CHARLES BARBER settled on the homestead, as his father did before him. He m. Abby A. Parker. Selectman 1869, '70, '71.

- 24 *Gilbert A.*, b. May 2, 1856.  
 25 *Charles P.*, b. Oct. 28, 1858; d. March 21, 1866, æ. 7 yrs.  
 26 *Nellie*, } b. Feb. 1, 1860; } d. 1860.  
 27 *Ednah M.*, } b. Feb. 1, 1860; } d. 1860.  
 28 *Clifford P.*, b. March 5, 1870; d. April, 1871, æ. 13 mos.  
 29 *Ida Mabel*, b. Oct. 17, 1872.
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#### THE BLAIR FAMILY.

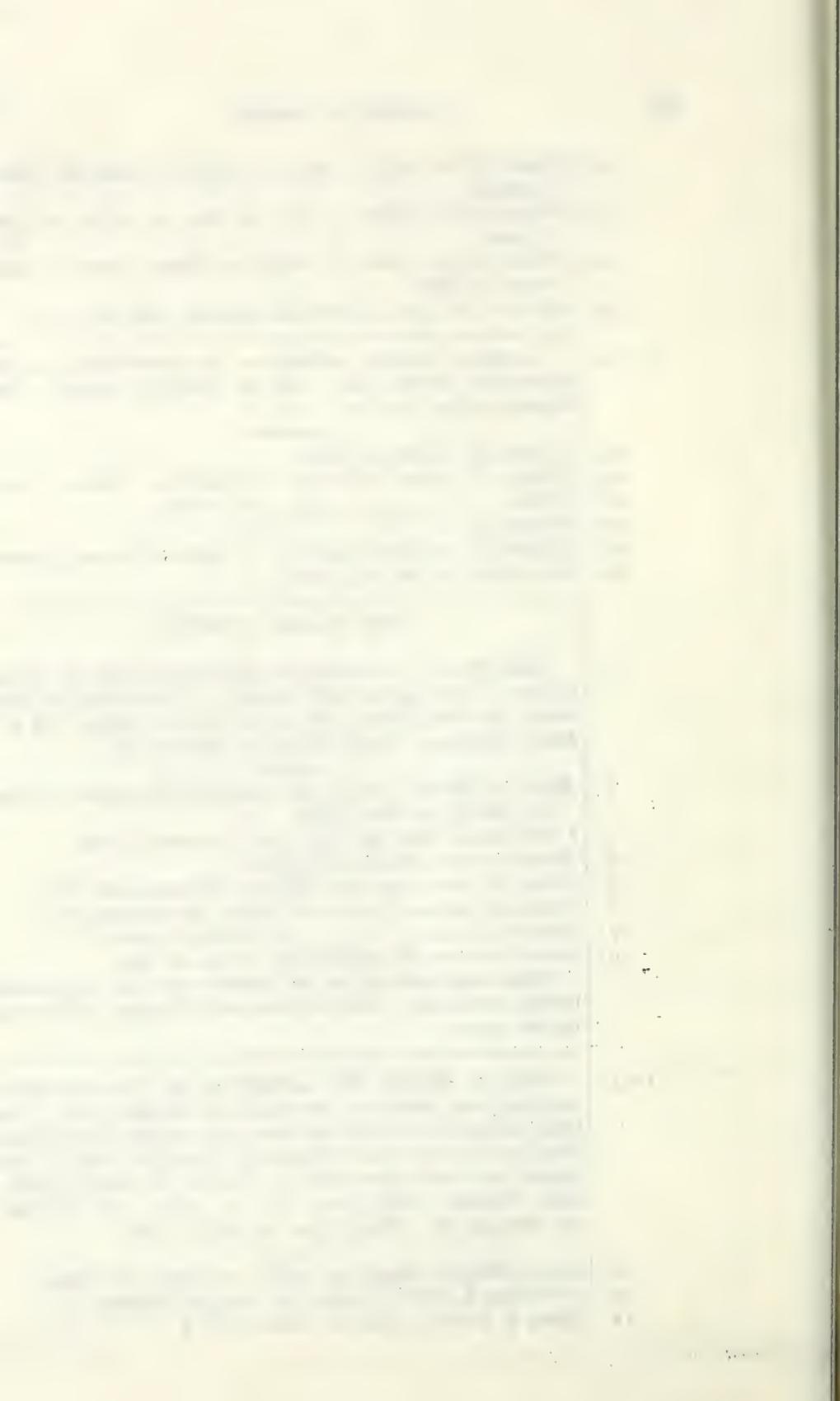
1 JOHN BLAIR. It cannot be determined when he came to town. He was an early settler. It seems he had two wives, the first, Nancy Brown, of Groton, Mass.; 2d w., Mary Freeman. He d. March 9, 1780, æ. 63.

- 2 *Mary*, b. March 4, 1749; m. Randall McAllister. One ch., Mary, m. Wm. Field.  
 3 †*William*, b. May 20, 1750; m. Elizabeth Little.  
 4 *John*, b. — ; re. to New York.  
 5 *Nancy*, b. — ; m. — Willard, Westminster, Vt.  
 6 *Margaret*, b. — ; m. — Mixer, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 7 *Samuel*, b. — . (8) *George*, b. — .  
 9 *Anna*, b. — ; d. when about 20 yrs. of age.

There was said to be an Esther, who was very small in size, and unm. She left town with George. She was by the 1st w.

1- 3 WILLIAM BLAIR. He served in the Revolutionary war, and was present at the battle of Bunker Hill. He lived in the east part of the town, near to the Cunningham Pond, on the farm now occupied by Franklin Field. The house has been demolished. He m. Elizabeth Little, dau. Thomas Little, Sen., Dec. 2, 1787. He d. Oct. 13, 1825, æ. 76. She d. Jan. 12, 1842, æ. 86.

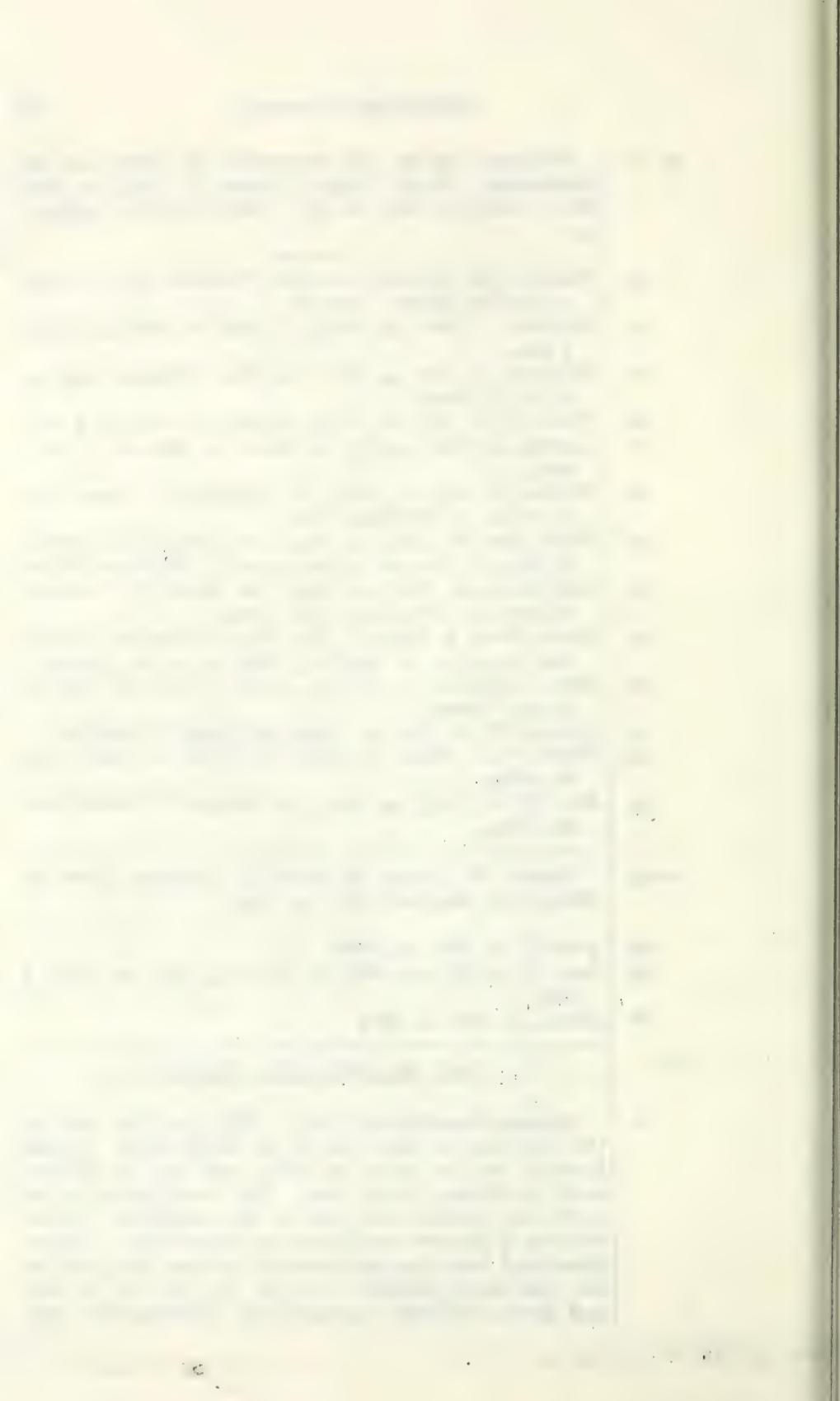
- 10 *Agnes Nancy*, b. Sept. 22, 1788; m. James W. Swan.  
 11 †*William*, b. Oct. 13, 1794; m. Abigail Palmer.  
 12 *John*, b. July 1, 1796; d. Albany, N. Y.



- 3- 11      WILLIAM BLAIR. He succeeded his father on the homestead. He m. Abigail Palmer, b. Feb. 12, 1800. He d. Aug. 2, 1852, æ. 58. She d. March 2, 1859, æ. 59.
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- 13      John, b. July 24, 1818; m. Eliza Thurston, Jan. 1, 1846; r. Fayville, Mass. Two ch.
- 14      William, b. Dec. 24, 1819; d. June 22, 1826, æ. 6 yrs., 5 mos.
- 15      Elizabeth, b. Oct. 4, 1821; m. Silas Bullard, Aug. 10, 1841; r. Mason.
- 16      Joseph L., b. July 28, 1823; d. May 13, 1824, æ. 9 mos.
- 17      Lucinda, b. Feb. 6, 1825; d. Sept. 24, 1826, æ. 1 yr., 7 mos.
- 18      William, b. Sept. 13, 1827; m. Elizabeth A. Pease, Dec. 21, 1852; r. Brighton, Mass.
- 19      Abbie Fane, b. Jan. 11, 1830; m. George H. Gleason; d. May 16, 1861, æ. 31 yrs., 4 mos.; r. Marlboro, Mass.
- 20      Charlotte A., b. May 26, 1832; m. Henry W. Nieman; d. Sept. 21, 1865, æ. 33 yrs., 3 mos.
- 21      Agnes Maria, b. July 23, 1834; m. Christopher Decker, Aug. 10, 1854; d. April 25, 1869, æ. 34 yrs., 9 mos.
- 22      Mary Catharine, b. Nov. 12, 1836; d. Aug. 28, 1848, æ. 11 yrs., 8 mos.
- 23      †George W., b. Dec. 16, 1839; m. Susan F. Goodhue.
- 24      James P., b. March 19, 1842; m. Elvira D. Clark, May 26, 1864.
- 25      Mary L., b. Aug. 24, 1844; m. George W. Towle, Nov. 16, 1869.
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- 11-23      GEORGE W. BLAIR, m. Susan F. Goodhue, June 17, 1864; b. in Hancock, Oct. 29, 1842.
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- 26      Anna F., b. Nov. 23, 1866.
- 27      Lucy G., b. July 30, 1868; d. Nov. 25, 1872, æ. 4 yrs., 3 mos.
- 28      Ned G., b. Nov. 3, 1873.

### THE BLANCHARD FAMILY.

- 1      JOTHAM BLANCHARD (Capt.). His farm lay east of the east line of the farm B, or Bogle farm. It was bounded on the north by Wiley, and east by Miller; south by Kelso Gray's farm. The road began at the south-west corner, and run to the north-east corner, dividing it into two equal parts or proportions. Jotham Blanchard took the north-western portion, and lived on the Alld place probably in 1776, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81; and James McKean occupied the south-eastern part.



Blanchard attached his portion to the Alld farm. Capt. Blanchard appears by the records of the town to have been an important character in its proceedings. We find that he was first made moderator at a town-meeting, April 5, 1774, and this is his first appearance; and then also moderator 1776, '77, '78, '80, '81, and selectman 1777, '78, '79, '80, '81, and on committee of safety 1776. After this his name does not occur again. There is no record of his family, or tradition how he disappeared from town without leaving some traces behind.

1      CYRUS BLANCHARD is entirely distinct from the family of the above. He was born in Milford, Oct. 9, 1781, and was the son of Stephen Blanchard. He m., 1807, Mary, dau. of Samuel and Mary Blanchard, of Billerica, Mass. He purchased the farm where he lived (the McKean place), and moved to town in 1807. He d. March 31, 1851, æ. 70 yrs., 5 mos. She d. Aug. 4, 1872, æ. 91 yrs., 7 mos.

2      † *Cyrus*, b. Sept. 15, 1809; m., 1st w., Maranda Persons; 2d w., Abigail Davis.

3      *David*, b. Oct. 10, 1813; m. Maria J. Moar, of Milford, Feb. 10, 1844; c.

4      *William*, b. Aug. 7, 1816; m. Elizabeth Edes, dau. Isaac Edes, August, 1859. He d. April 23, 1861, æ. 44 yrs. She d. Oct. 22, 1867, æ. 41 yrs.

1- 2     CYRUS BLANCHARD, Jun., m., 1st w., Feb. 22, 1834, Maranda Persons. She d. July 11, 1836; 2d w., Sept. 10, 1840, Abigail Davis. He lives on the Andrew Miller place.

5      *Mary E.*, b. April 5, 1843; m. B. Wyman Crosby, d. July 7, 1872, æ. 29 yrs., 3 mos. One ch., Wm. Wyman, b. Aug. 11, 1865..

6      *Fanny M.*, b. Nov. 26, 1844; m. Joseph Crosby, killed in battle in war of the Rebellion. Ch., (1) Gentianella, b. Sept. 6, 1860; (2) Etta M., b. October, 1862; m., 2d h., Charles Austin. Two ch., Freddie and Eddie.

7      *Abigail A.*, b. Sept. 16, 1846; m. R. M. McGilvray. Two ch., Frankie R. and Nellie.

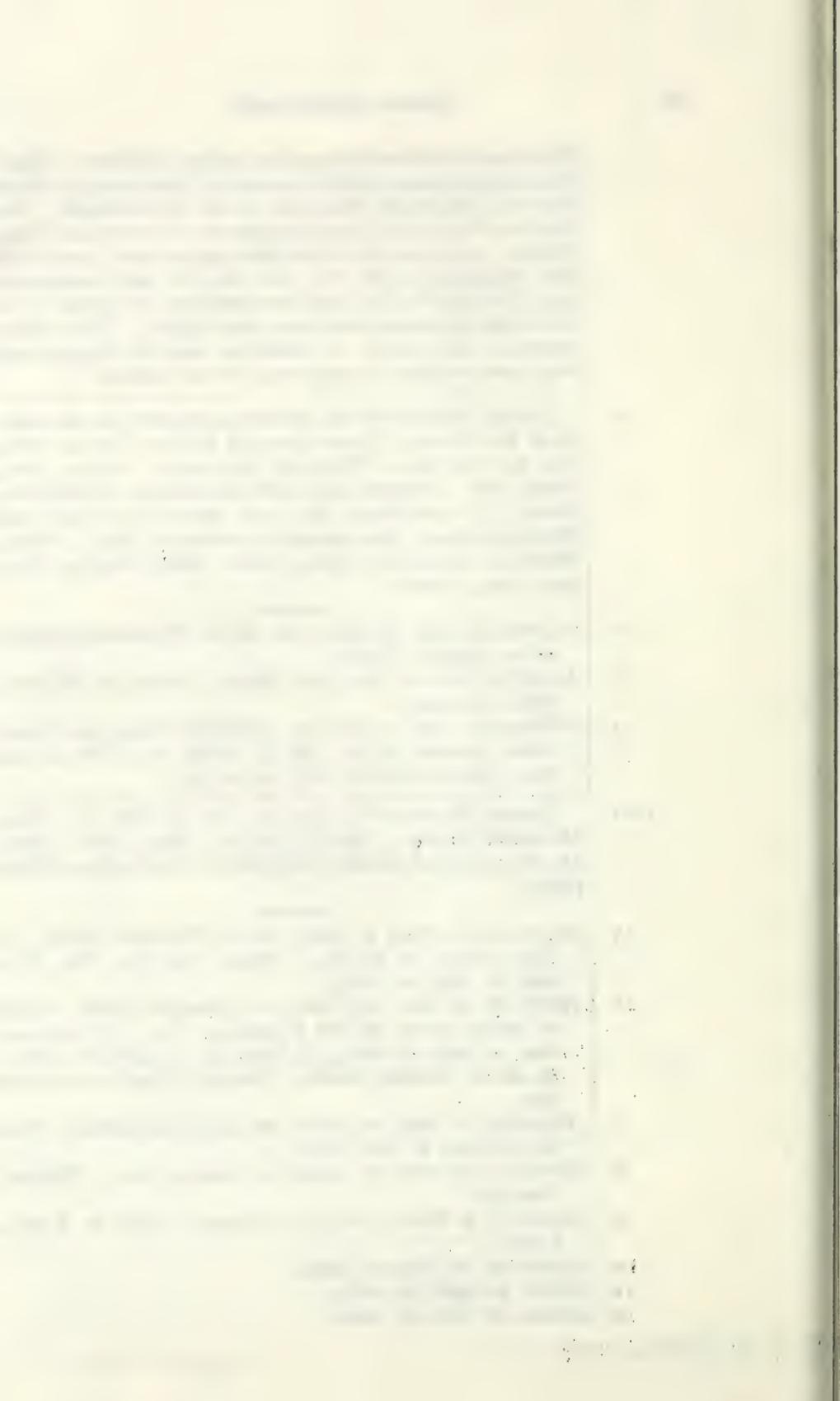
8      *Harriet F.*, b. Feb. 27, 1848; m. George May; r. Wilton. Four ch.

9      *Sarah F.*, b. Feb. 27, 1854; d. August, 1856, æ. 2 yrs., 6 mos.

10     *Carrie M.*, b. May 21, 1858.

11     *Willie*, b. April 29, 1861.

12     *Emma*, b. Oct. 18, 1864.

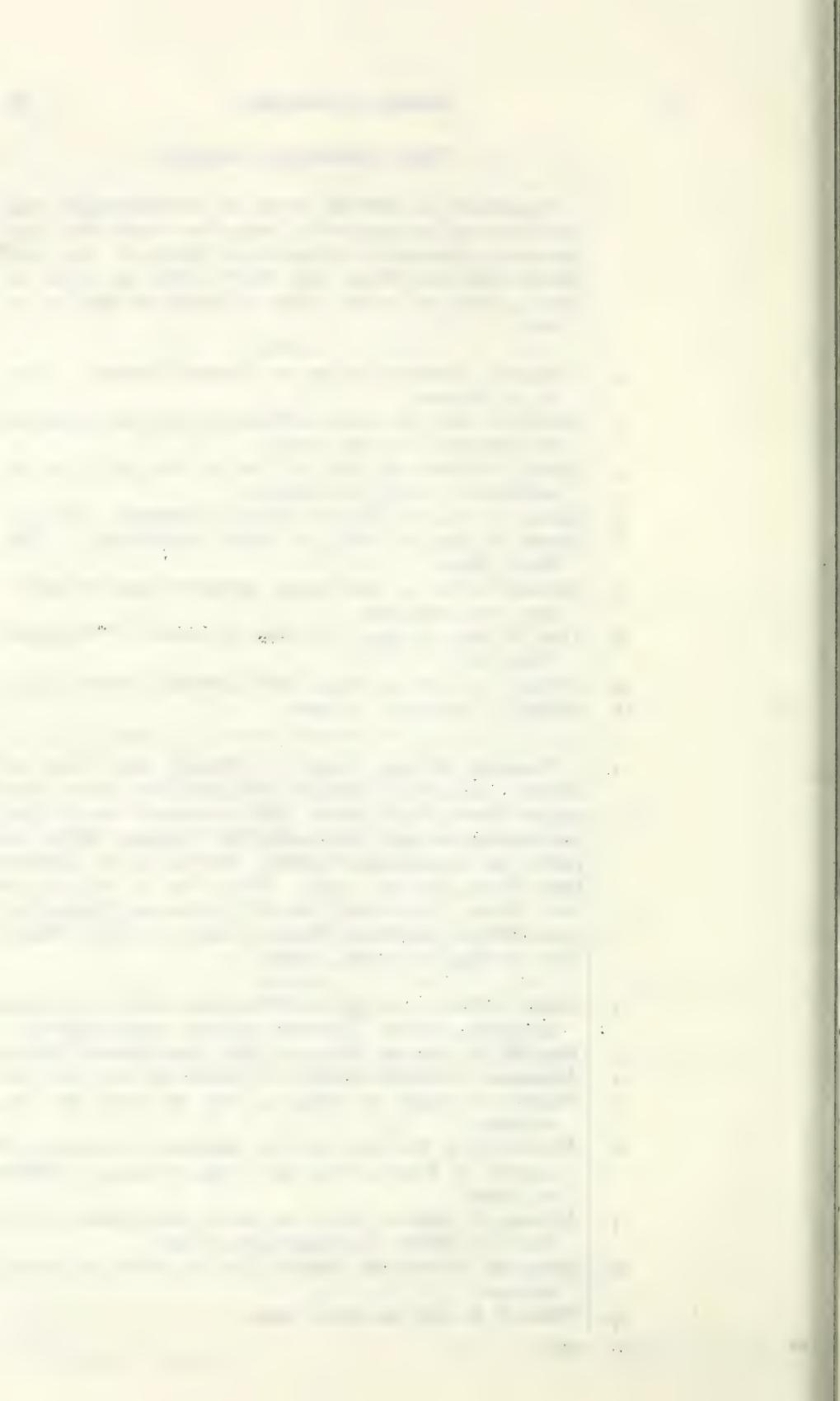


## THE BOWERS FAMILY.

- 1 JONATHAN S. BOWERS came to Peterborough from Dublin probably about 1821, being first taxed this year. He was a shoemaker by trade; m. Elizabeth Nay, dau. George and Sally Nay. He was b. Sept 19, 1786; d. Jan. 23, 1871, æ. 87 yrs. She d. March 16, 1873, æ. 78 yrs.
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- 2 *Orinda*, b. March 17, 1817; m. Frank Twitchell. Four ch.; r. Nashua.
- 3 *Luther*, b. Nov. 22, 1818; d. June 30, 1833, by explosion of powder, æ. 14 yrs., 7 mos.
- 4 *Sarah*, b. March 26, 1821; d. Dec. 20, 1825, æ. 4 yrs., by accidentally falling downstairs.
- 5 *George*, b. April 6, 1823; m. Nancy Lawrence. One ch.
- 6 *Alonzo*, b. June 22, 1825; m. Mary Ann Scott; r. Waltham, Mass.
- 7 *Melville*, b. Oct. 3, 1827; unm.; served in army of Rebellion; was wounded.
- 8 *Levi*, b. July 14, 1830; m. Julia A. Bemis; r. Waltham. Three ch.
- 9 *Alfred*, } b. June 29, 1834; both drowned June 21, 1841,
- 10 *Albert*, } æ. 6 yrs., 11 mos.
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1 FRANCIS BOWERS (Capt.); a distinct race from the above. He came to town in 1800, and lived many years on the David Holt place. He purchased about 1820, and carried on until his death, the "Holmes' Mills," so called, at Spaulding's Corner. He was b. in Chelmsford, Mass., May 20, 1775. He d. Oct. 15, 1835, æ. 60 yrs. He m. Chloe Holt, dau. of Joshua and Phebe Farnum Holt, of Andover, Mass.; b. May 27, 1775. She d. Nov. 6, 1849, æ. 74 yrs., 5 mos.

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- 2 *Chloe*, b. Jan. 15, 1799; m. John Dane; d. Oct. 8, 1844, æ. 45 yrs., 8 mos. Two ch., John B. and Fannie B.
- 3 *Ruth D.*, b. Jan. 20, 1803; m., 1831, Dea. Samuel Miller.
- 4 *Benjamin*, b. March 16, 1807; d. March 16, 1811, æ. 4 yrs.
- 5 *Phebe F.*, b. April 18, 1809; d. Feb. 28, 1811, æ. 1 yr., 10 mos.
- 6 *Francis H.*, b. Feb. 24, 1812; m. Martha A. Sherburn, of Lowell; d. Feb. 5, 1864, æ. 51 yrs., 11 mos.; r. Billerica, Mass.
- 7 *Hannah*, b. June 11, 1812; m., 1st h., Ezra Dane; 2d h., Dr. Luke Miller, Lanesborough, Minn.
- 8 *Betsey H.*, b. Nov. 28, 1820; d. Oct. 15, 1861, æ. 40 yrs., 10 mos.
- 9 *Phebe F.*, b. Oct. 12, 1823; unm.

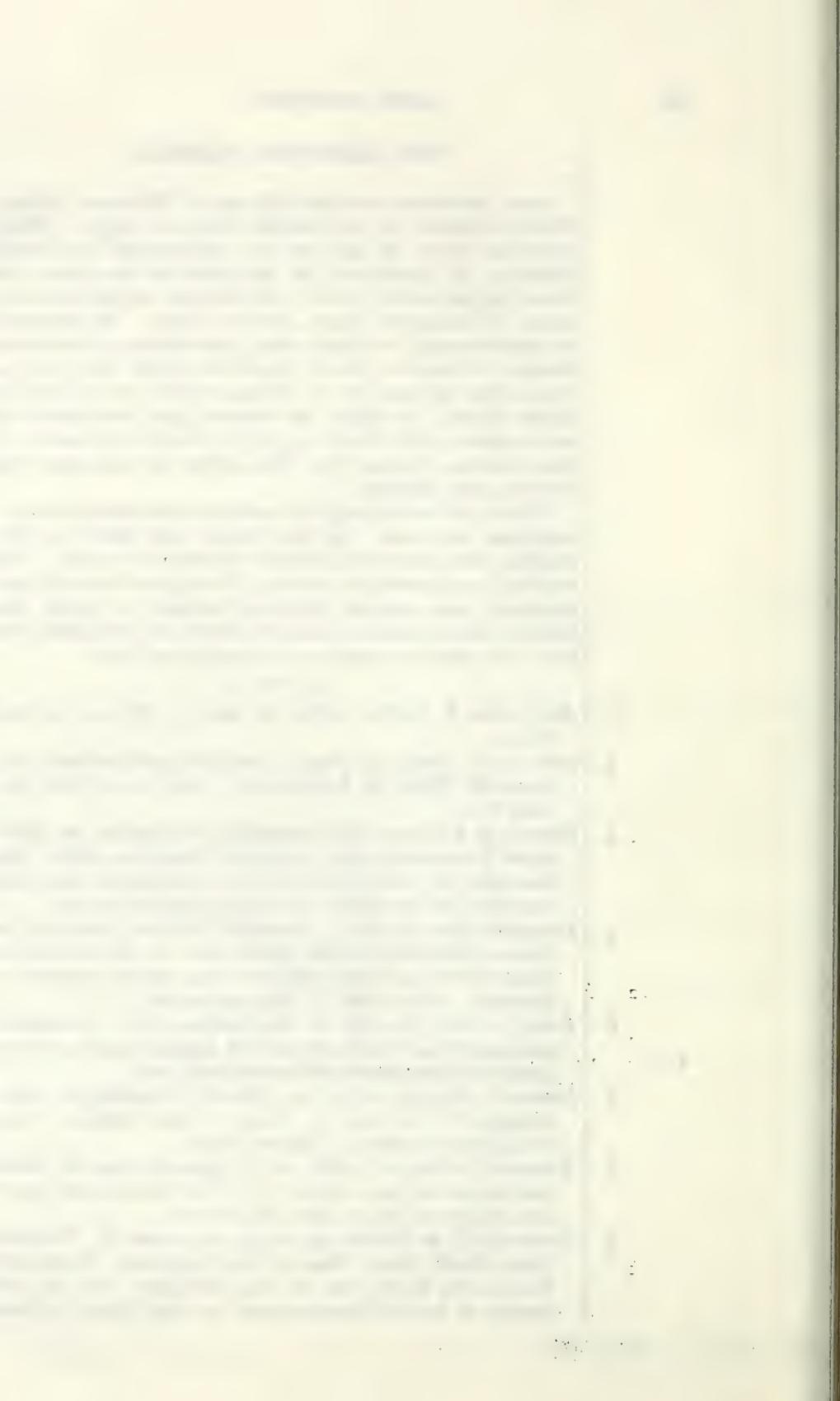


## THE BOYNTON FAMILY.

1 ABEL BOYNTON was the sixth son of Elias and Betsey Blood Boynton, b. in Temple, Feb. 22, 1793. When seventeen years of age he was apprenticed to Josiah Wheeler, of Lyndeboro, for the term of four years, to learn the carpenter's trade. He was m. to Serena Lawrence, of Lexington, Mass., May 17, 1817. He removed to Peterborough in March, 1819, purchasing a farm near Samuel Morison's place, where he lived till June 9, 1836, when he bought of William Smith the "old John Smith Farm," to which he removed, and continued to reside there until March 29, 1856, when he removed to New Lisbon, Juneau Co., Wis., where he and his wife live in a ripe old age.

While in Peterborough he worked at his trade at intervals from his farm. All his leisure was filled up with reading; few men read as many volumes as he did. His reading was general, embracing all subjects he could understand, but was not digested enough to render the various subjects about which he read very available for use. He read too much and thought too little.

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- 2 *Mary Ann*, b. July 22, 1822; d. Jan. 15, 1855, æ. 32 yrs., 6 mos.
- 3 *Abel S.*, b. Dec. 25, 1824; a woolen manufacturer; m. Sarah B. Tyler, of Lyndeboro. Now r. in New Lisbon, Wis.
- 4 *Samuel*, b. Feb. 24, 1828; machinist and sailor; m. Margaret Townsend, 1874; r. Siegal, Wood Co., Wis. He has been all over the world,—is intelligent and philosophical in his habits of thought and in action.
- 5 *George*, b. May 3, 1830. Attended Phillips Academy, at Exeter, where by undue application to his studies he broke down, and had epileptic fits, which resulted in insanity. He d. Feb. 5, 1854, æ. 24 yrs.
- 6 *Elias*, b. Nov. 30, 1832; r. New Lisbon, Wis. A teacher and supervisor of schools in New Lisbon; also assessor, justice of the peace, and town clerk, etc.
- 7 *Syrena*, b. May 23, 1834; m. John H. Crandall, of Lake George, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1864; r. New Lisbon. Ch., (1) James Cramer, (2) Jessie Alice.
- 8 *Edmund*, b. May 18, 1836; d. of typhoid fever at Marlow, where he had located himself in the tin and sheet-iron business, Oct. 1, 1856, æ. 20 yrs.
- 9 *Frederick E.*, b. March 19, 1839; m. Anna E. Temple, Point Bluff, Wis. Was in 6th Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers in the war of the Rebellion; was in the battles of South Mountain and 2d Bull Run; r. New



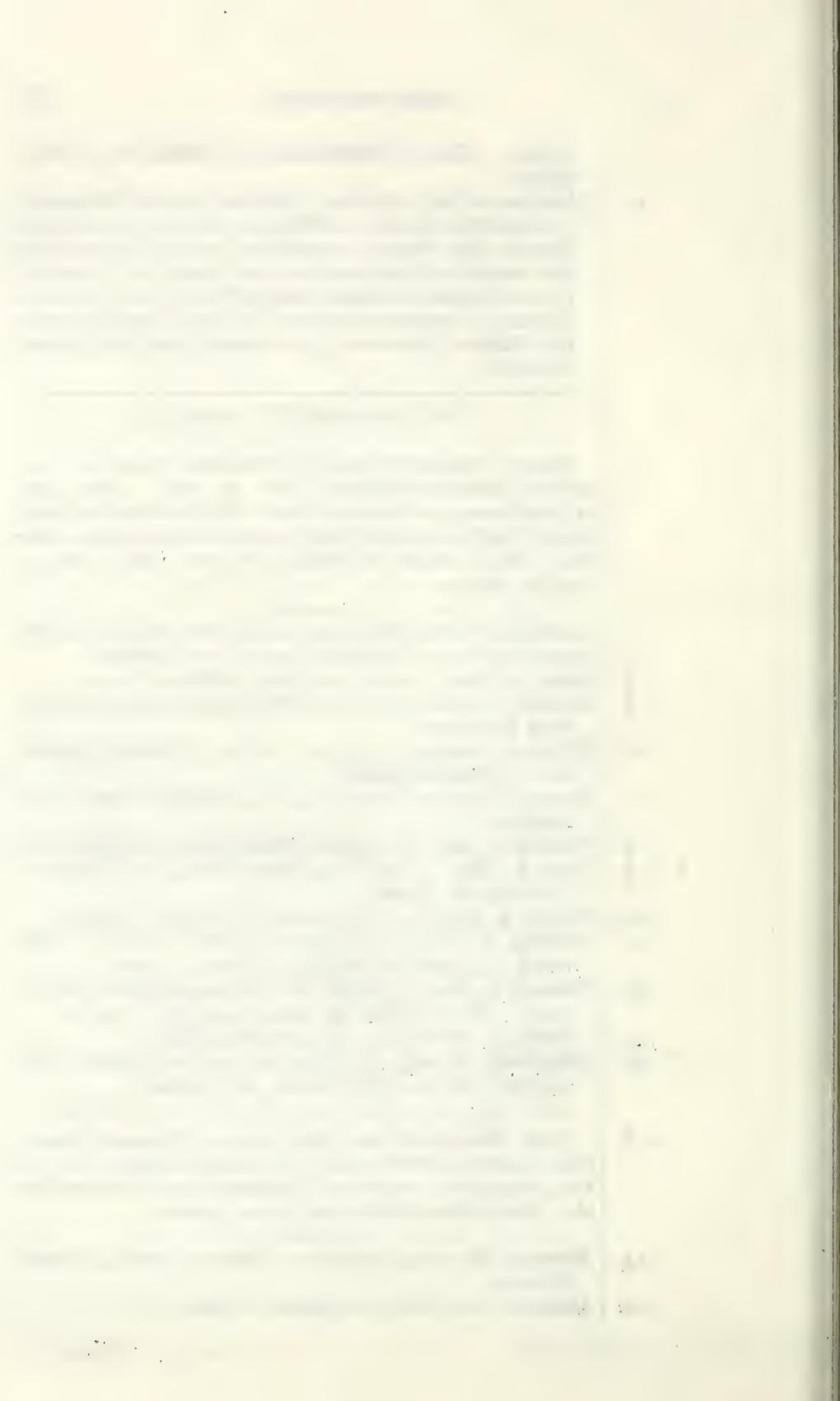
- Lisbon. Ch., (1) Frank Leslie, (2) Nellie M., (3) Winifred.  
 10 *Elnathan*, b. July 28, 1842. Enlisted in 4th Wisconsin Volunteers, infantry, afterwards changed to cavalry. Was in Gen. Butler's expedition to New Orleans, and saw much military service; m. Annie E. Marshall (b. in Virginia) in Baton Rouge, Feb. 5, 1864; r. New Lisbon; a carpenter by trade. Ch., (1) Sarah Lorena, (2) Halber Elnathan, (3) Roberta Lee, (4) Arthur Stilwell.

## THE BRACKETT FAMILY.

I SAMUEL BRACKETT was b. in Braintree, Mass., in 1742, and m. Rebecca Hayward, Dec. 17, 1765. They came to Peterborough about this time. He lived on the north side of the Cunningham Pond, where his descendants now live. He d. March 16, 1826, æ. 84 yrs. She d. July 7, 1832, æ. 86 yrs.

- 2 *Sarah*, b. Oct. 21, 1766; unm.; d. April 25, 1790, æ. 24 yrs.  
 3 *Samuel*, b. Nov. 26, 1768; d. unm. An imbecile.  
 4 *Betsey*, b. Nov. 7, 1770; m. John Collins; d. —.  
 5 *Dorothy*, b. Oct. 7, 1772; m. John Bertram, name changed from Woodcock.  
 6 † *John*, b. June 24, 1775; m., 1st w., Elizabeth Stuart; 2d w., Elizabeth Lewis.  
 7 *James*, b. May 10, 1777; m., 1803, Hannah Carr; re. to Antrim.  
 8 † *Josiah*, b. Jan. 28, 1779; m. Mary Stuart, April 9, 1801.  
 9 *Isaac*, b. July 1, 1781; m. Nancy Field, of Quincy; r. Charlestown, Mass.  
 10 *Rebecca*, b. Aug. 15, 1783; unm.; d. 1837, æ. 54 yrs.  
 11 *William*, b. May 11, 1786; m. Sarah Ward; r. Colebrook; d. April 19, 1835, æ. 48 yrs., 11 mos.  
 12 *Ebenezer*, b. Nov. 27, 1788; m. Clarissa Hildreth, Oct. 1, 1817. He d. March 19, 1830, æ. 41 yrs. Six ch.  
 13 † *Joseph*, b. March 31, 1791; m. Sarah Bliss.  
 14 † *Benjamin*, b. Aug. 21, 1795; m., 1st w., Lavinia Cunningham; 2d w., Sally Wilcox, of Nashua.

- I-6 JOHN BRACKETT; m., Dec. 7, 1801, Elizabeth Stuart, dau. Thomas Stuart; she d. in Peterborough, Oct. 12, 1813, æ. 37 yrs.; m., 2d w., Elizabeth Lewis, who had two ch. He d. Dec. 8, 1852, æ. 77 yrs., 5 mos.
- 15 *Henrietta*, b. —, 1822; m. Charles Caverly, Boston. Five ch.  
 16 *Mary*, b. —, 1829; m. James A. Dale; c.



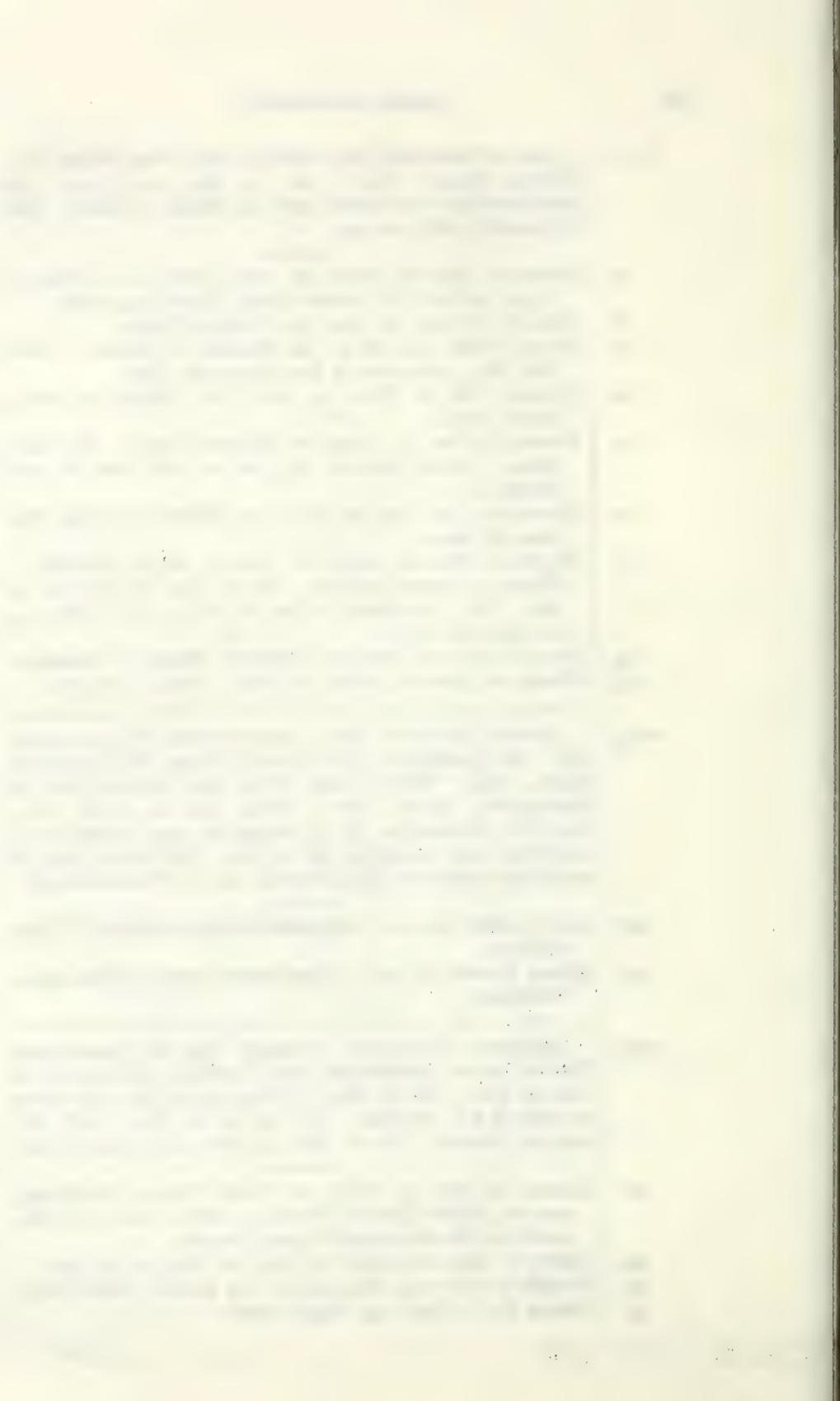
- 1- 8 JOSIAH BRACKETT, m., April 9, 1800, Mary Stuart, dau. Thomas Stuart. He d. Jan. 31, 1855, æ. 76 yrs. He wandered into the woods, and was frozen to death. She d. March 6, 1871, æ. 90.
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- 17 *Rebecca*, b. July 6, 1801; m. Joel Tufts; he d. May 7, 1852; 2d h., Col. Norton Hunt, March 14, 1860.
- 18 *Jane S.*, b. Dec. 18, 1802; m. Nathan Bailey.
- 19 *Mary*, b. Dec. 31, 1804; m. Samuel G. Pierce; r. Belfast, Me.; returned to Peterborough, 1874.
- 20 †*Josiah, Jr.*, b. Feb. 11, 1807; m., March 19, 1835, Mary Piper.
- 21 *Thomas*, b. Dec. 11, 1808; m. Rebecca Tuft; r. Harvard, Mass. She d. July 17, 1853, æ. —; ch., Ann R., and Sarah E.
- 22 *Elizabeth S.*, b. Feb. 16, 1811; m., March 31, 1846, Nathan B. Buss.
- 23 *Joseph*, b. May 26, 1815; m., Oct. 1, 1846, Lucretia L. Hunt; r. South Acworth. He d. Jan. 18, 1871, æ. 56 yrs. Ch., (1) Albert, b. Jan. 2, 1850; (2) Laura L., b. April 15, 1854.
- 24 *Sarah*, b. June 8, 1820; m. Albert P. Brown; r. Amherst.
- 25 *Charles*, b. June 24, 1823; d. Oct. 2, 1846, æ. 23 yrs.
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1-13 JOSEPH BRACKETT (Rev.) was educated for the ministry. He graduated at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., 1819. He m. Sarah Bliss, dau. George Bliss, of Springfield, Mass.; she d. 1826. He m., 2 w., —. He d. in Rushville, N. Y., where he was settled as a minister, Sept. 24, 1832, æ. 41 yrs. He was a man of excellent character, and a worthy son of Peterborough.

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- 26 *George Ellis*, b. —; educated for the ministry; r. New Orleans.
- 27 *Henry Martin*, b. —; a real estate agent, Washington Territory.
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1-14 BENJAMIN BRACKETT occupied the old homestead. He m., 1st w., March 22, 1825, Lavinia Cunningham, b. Dec. 4, 1802; she d. Aug. 7, 1863, æ. 61 yrs., by whom he had all his children. He m., 2d w., Mrs. Sally Wilcox, of Nashua. He d. Feb. 2, 1876, æ. 80 yrs., 5 mos.

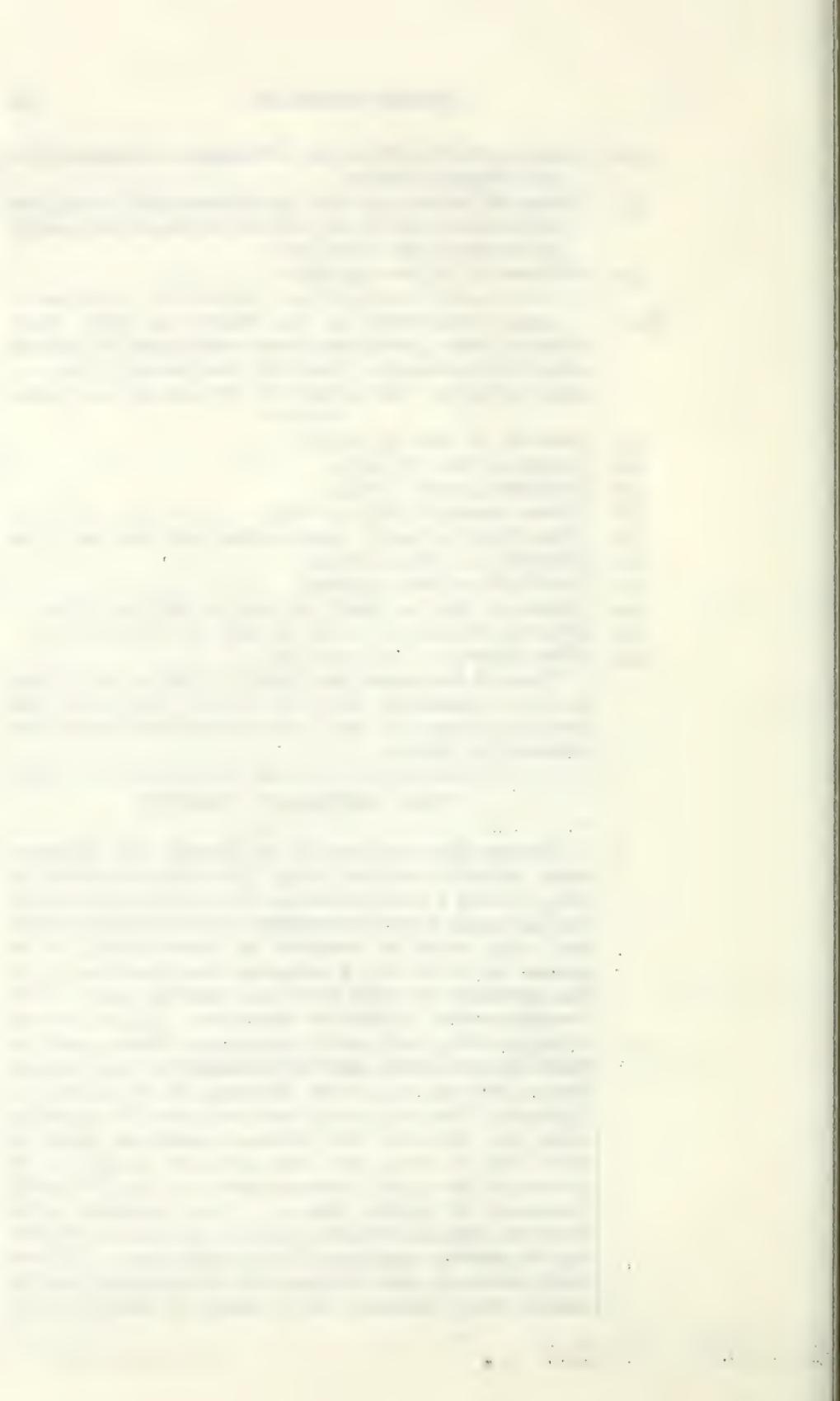
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- 28 *Samuel*, b. Dec. 27, 1825; m. Sarah Palmer, Waltham; one ch., Mary Cora, b. March 7, 1858. He is a constable in the Municipal Court, Boston.
- 29 *Henry*, b. Sept. 11, 1827; d. Oct. 11, 1849, æ. 22 yrs.
- 30 *Joseph*, b. Nov. 24, 1829; unm.; in Boston Police force.
- 31 *George G.*, b. Sept. 13, 1833; unm.



- 32 *Sarah A.*, b. Nov. 26, 1836. Principal in Licensed Minor's School, Boston.
- 33 *Rodney M.*, b. Aug. 9, 1838 ; d. at home April, 1864, having lost his health in the military service of his country in the war of the Rebellion.
- 34 *William G.*, b. June 25, 1839.
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- 8-20 *Josiah Brackett, Jr.*, m., March 19, 1835, Mary Piper, b. Feb. 2, 1808, and lived many years in Sharon, where his ch. were b. She d. in Peterborough, Nov. — 1871, æ. 63 yrs. He d. July 17, 1875, æ. 68 yrs., 5 mos.
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- 35 *Annie E.*, b. Nov. 17, 1836.
- 36 *George*, b. Dec. 18, 1837.
- 37 *Jackson*, b. April 5, 1839.
- 38 *Maria Louisa*, b. Feb. 1, 1841.
- 39 *John Piper*, b. June 3, 1842 ; d. Aug. 26, 1851, æ. 9 yrs.
- 40 *Rosanna*, b. April 11, 1844.
- 41 *Joel Tufts*, b. Dec. 30, 1845.
- 42 *Charles*, b. May 22, 1848 ; d. Aug. 24, 1851, æ. 3 yrs.
- 43 *Albert L.*, b. June 13, 1850 ; d. Aug. 25, 1851, æ. 1 yr.
- 44 *Mary Rebecca*, b. Jan. 24, 1857.
- Three of the above, *viz.*, John P., Charles, and Albert L., d. of dysentery, Aug. 24, 25, 26, 1851, and were buried the same day, and in the same grave, in the new cemetery in Sharon.

### THE BRENNAN FAMILY.

I HUBERT BRENNAN was b. in Savagh, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, March 20, 1823. He came to America in 1845, and for a time worked at his trade of marble working in Lowell, where he remained till the 5th of September, 1851, when he removed to Peterborough, in response to a call for a competent marble-worker. He has continued to reside here since, and has built up the "marble works" alluded to elsewhere. He has proved an enterprising and useful citizen, and done much toward the prosperity and advancement of our village. He m., July 29, 1850, Mary Mahoney, b. in Callau, Co. Kilkenny, March 13, 1824, and emigrated to America, 1849, '50. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan visited the places of their birth in 1875, and were fortunate enough to be present at the grand demonstration of the O'Connell Centenary at Dublin, Aug. 5. They travelled extensively through all Ireland; and Mr. Brennan, in describing the present condition of the country, says: "Where thirty years ago were thriving little villages and hamlets, now in many instances not a vestige of them is to be



found; and the country generally shows a fearful example of depopulation, and a lack of the brains and muscle that have helped very largely to make America what she is."

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- 2 *Mary A.*, b. Lowell, June 13, 1851; m. Nov. 6, 1871, John F. Snow; r. St. Louis, Mo.
  - 3 *James F.*, b. Peterborough, March 31, 1853; marble-worker.
  - 4 *Hubert*, b. March 19, 1855; d. Sept. 4, 1855, æ. 5 mos.
  - 5 *Alice*, b. Aug. 10, 1856.
  - 6 *Catherine*, b. July 15, 1858; d. April 20, 1859, æ. 9 mos.
  - 7 *Sarah F.*, b. Feb. 8, 1860.
  - 8 *Ella T.*, b. Sept. 15, 1861.
  - 9 *John M.*, } b. June 12, 1865; d. Nov. 12, 1865, æ. 5 mos.
  - 10 *Hubert H.*, } 5 mos. b. June 12, 1865; d. Nov. 10, 1867, æ. 2 yrs.,
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#### THE BRUCE FAMILY.

1 KENDALL BRUCE (Dr.) came to Peterborough in the winter of 1812, from Washington, where he had practiced his profession some years previous. He lived on the old road from South Village to Centre Village,—house now demolished. He was a native of Marlboro, Mass. He followed the lumbering business in Canada, after he gave up his profession. He removed from Peterborough to Calais, Vt., where he d. Jan. 12, 1832, æ. 64 yrs. He m. Rebecca Barnard. She d. at Peterborough, Sept. 10, 1852, æ. 84 yrs.

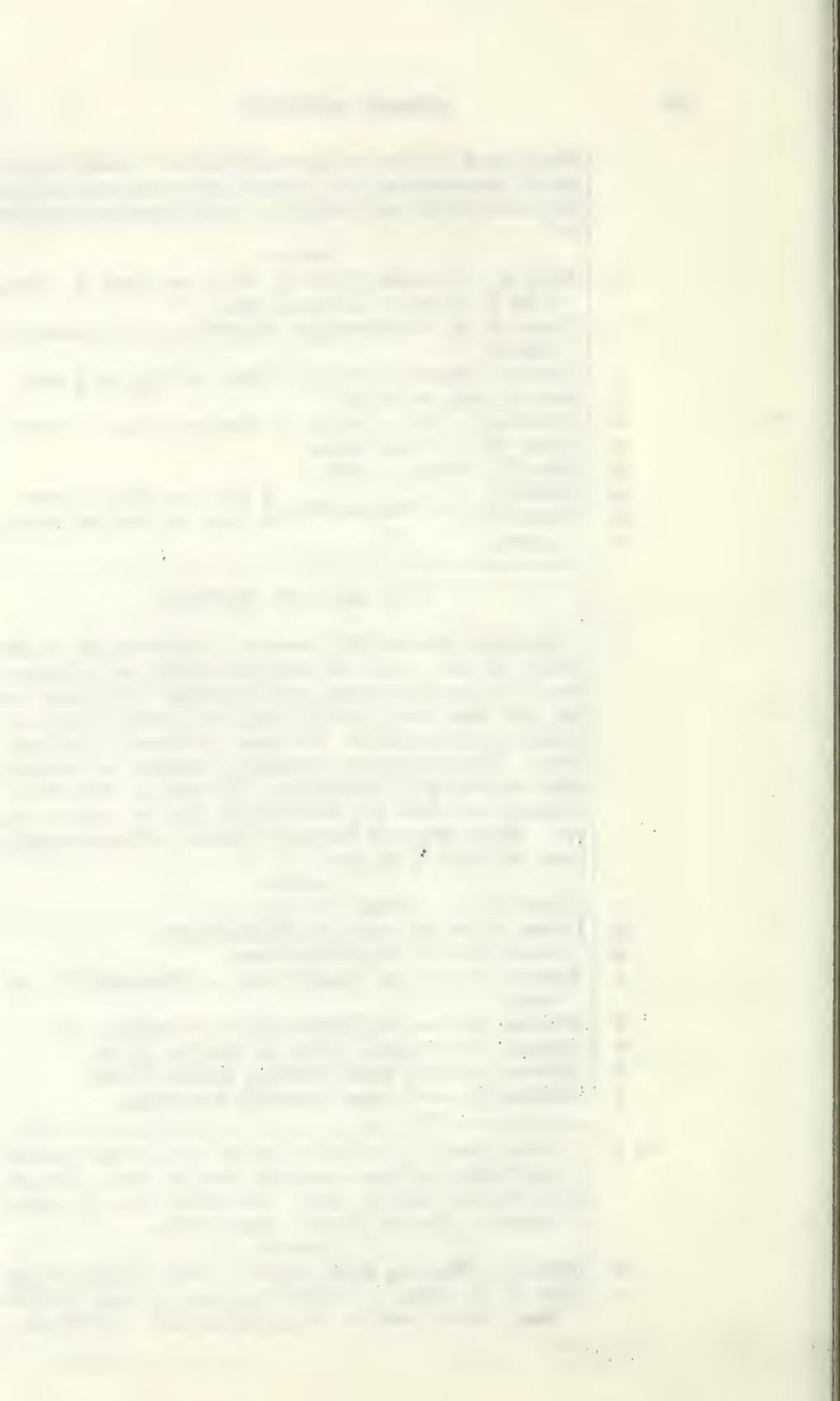
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- 2 *Luther*, b. — ; unm. ; d. — .
  - 3 †*Peter*, b. Jan. 30, 1790; m. Eliza French.
  - 4 *Jerusha*, b. — ; m. Hollis Bruce.
  - 5 *Kendall*, b. — ; m. Nancy Carr; r. Plainfield, Vt.; d. 1866.
  - 6 *William*, b. — ; m. Lydia Carr; r. Worcester, Vt.
  - 7 *Louis*, b. — ; unm. ; d. Oct. 4, 1861, æ. 63 yrs.
  - 8 *Solomon*, b. — ; unm. ; nothing known of him.
  - 9 *Bernard*, b. — ; unm. ; probably lost at sea.
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1- 3 PETER BRUCE, a soldier in war of 1812, always resided in town after his father removed here in 1812. He m. Eliza French, Dec. 27, 1815. He was b. Jan. 30, 1790; d. March 1, 1850, æ. 60 yrs. She d. 1873.

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- 10 *Kendall*, b. May 24, 1816; unm. ; d. Feb. 5, 1850, æ. 33.
- 11 *John F.*, b. Aug. 31, 1818; m., Jan. 1, 1846, Martha Burt; 2d w., June 11, 1854, Salena Burt. Three ch.



- 12 *Harriet M.*, b. March 20, 1821; m., May 7, 1843, George W. Taggart; d. Feb. 19, 1845, æ. 24 yrs.  
 13 †*George*, b. June 29, 1823; m., 1st w., Nov. 18, 1851, Abby Kimball; 2d w., Arvilla Holbrook.  
 14 †*Charles F.*, b. Oct. 16, 1826; m. Mary E. Crombie.  
 15 *Eliza*, b. June 22, 1829.  
 16 *Sarah M.*, b. Sept. 25, 1831; m. John F. Bruce, Lempster. Four ch.  
 17 *Alfred A.*, b. June 21, 1833; m., April 23, 1852, Julia Burt; r. Morrison, Ill.  
 18 *Harry*, b. Aug. 22, 1835; d. April 11, 1838, æ. 2 yrs., 9 mos.  
 19 *French*, b. Aug. 14, 1837; m., Jan. 9, 1863, Frances Bassett. He d. July 3, 1871, æ. 34 yrs. One ch.
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3-13 GEORGE BRUCE, r. at the South Factory Village; m., 1st w., Nov. 18, 1851, Abby Kimball, who d. Aug. 15, 1856, æ. 27; 2d w., Arvilla Holbrook; she d. Nov. 29, 1872, æ. 41; c.

20 *George K.*, b. April 20, 1856.

3-14 CHARLES F. BRUCE. He is a machinist by trade. He now occupies the farm of the late Jonathan Felt. He was in the naval service in the late war. He m., May 26, 1848, Mary E. Crombie, b. Dec. 26, 1828.

- 21 *Harriet E.*, b. Dec. 27, 1849; d. Aug. 7, 1852, æ. 2 yrs.  
 22 *Anna E.*, b. Dec. 12, 1851; m., Dec. 8, 1872, Bernard Morloch. She d. in childbirth, Oct. 9, 1873, æ. 21 yrs.  
 23 *Charles C.*, b. Feb. 5, 1854; m.  
 24 *Frank C.*, b. April 1, 1860.  
 25 *Mary A. W.*, b. June 14, 1870.
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#### THE BULLARD FAMILY.

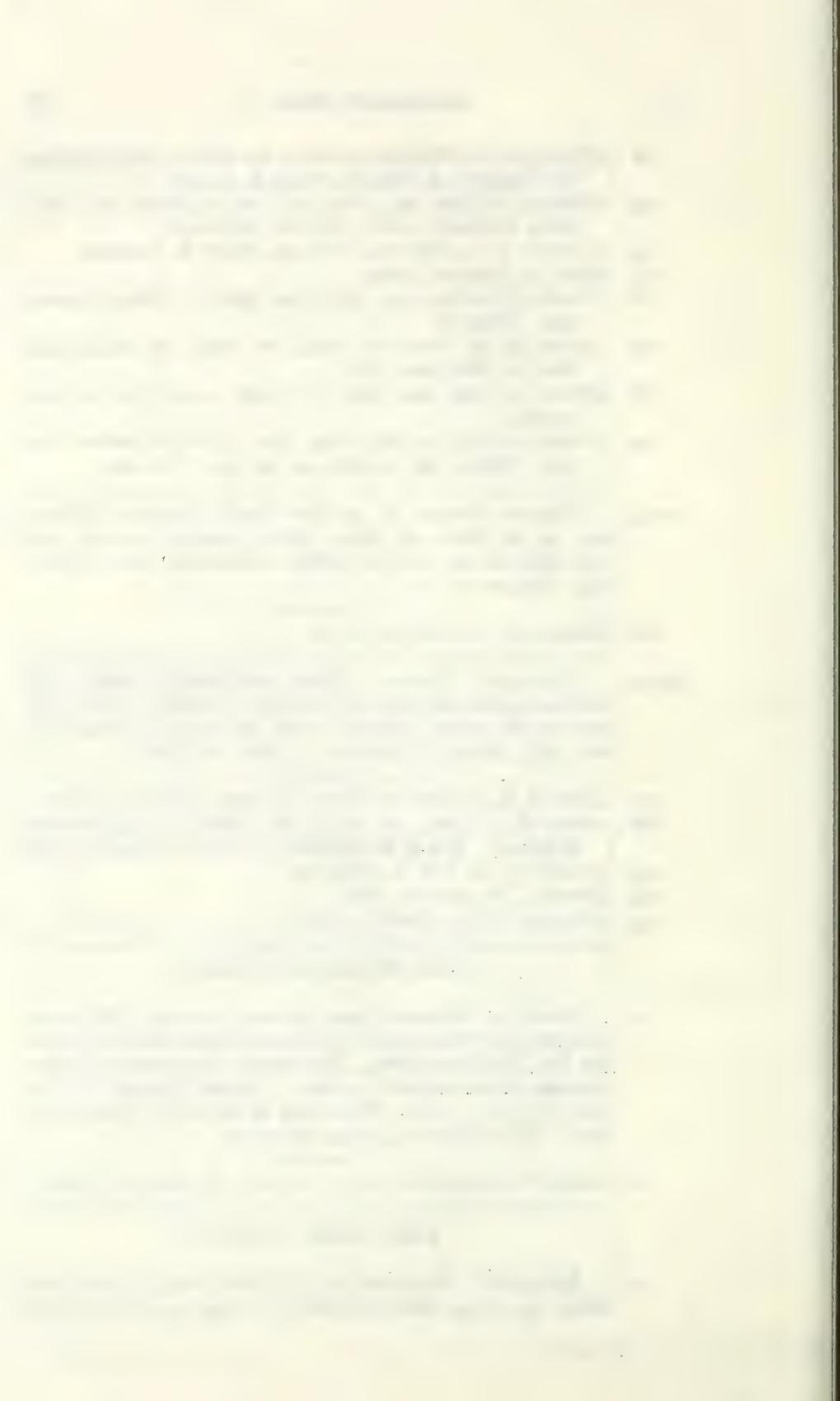
- 1 JOHN A. BULLARD came to town in 1856. He was a carpenter by trade, and lived in and owned the house built by Dr. S. Richardson. He owned a number of other houses which he built to rent. He m., Harriet N. Porter, April 27, 1856. He served in the war of the Rebellion. He d. Dec. 19, 1874, æ. 51 yrs.

2 *Eddie P.*, b. April 16, 1857; d. Oct. 27, 1864, æ. 7 yrs.

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#### THE BUSS FAMILY.

- 1 RICHARD T. BUSS was b. in Wilton, Sept. 7, 1772; m., May 13, 1794, Betsey Ballard, b. Aug. 19, 1771; re. to



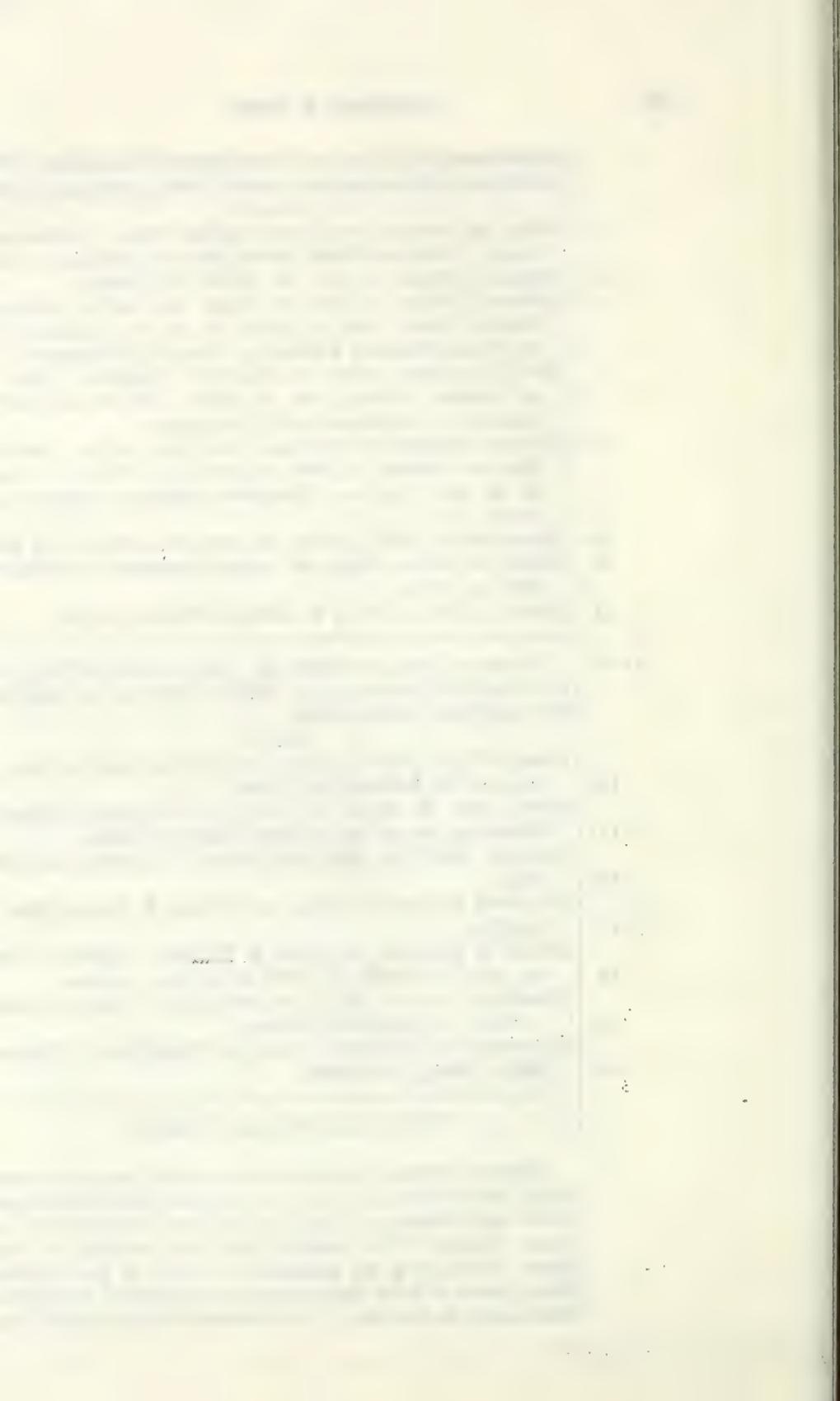
- Peterborough in 1813, and lived there till his death. He d. Oct. 20, 1861, æ. 90 yrs. She d. Nov. 5, 1856, æ. 85 yrs.
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- 2 *Betsey*, b. June 26, 1795; m. Charles Crane, September, 1817. He d. at Milton, Mass., May 18, 1824, æ. 32 yrs.  
3 *Achsah*, b. Sept. 5, 1797; m. Elijah B. Kimball.  
4 *Richard Taylor*, b. July 27, 1799; m., 1st w., Abigail Hunt. She d. Oct. 12, 1838, æ. 40 yrs., 6 mos.; 2d w., Persis Holmes, February, 1844; r. Bridgeport, Ct.  
5 *Abel F.*, b. July 9, 1802; m. Mary W. Danforth. She d. at Taunton, Mass., Oct. 18, 1836. He d. at Portsmouth, O., September, 1838, æ. 36 yrs.  
6 †*Nathan Ballard*, b. July 24, 1804; m., 1st w., Arvilla Nay, of Sharon, b. Nov. 28, 1804; d. Nov. 11, 1844, æ. 40 yrs.; 2d w., Elizabeth Brackett, March 31, 1846; c.  
7 *Mary Ann*, b. Oct. 2, 1807; d. Sept. 12, 1826, æ. 19 yrs.  
8 *Eunice*, b. Oct. 2, 1809; m. Amos Gutterson, of Milford, Nov. 23, 1837.  
9 *Julia*, b. Oct. 7, 1811; d. Dec. 2, 1861, æ. 50 yrs.
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1- 6 NATHAN BALLARD BUSS m., 1st w., Arvilla Nay; 2d w., Elizabeth Brackett; c. His ch. were b. in Dublin. He now lives in the village.

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- 10 *George W.*, b. May 21, 1827; m. Syrena Jaquith, Jan. 3, 1850; r. in Auburndale, Mass.  
11 *Mary Ann*, b. April 14, 1829; m. Harrison Church, March 23, 1854; re. to South Hadley, Mass.  
12 *Lydia*, b. Sept. 4, 1831; m. Amos A. Sawyer, May 26, 1852.  
13 *Elizabeth*, b. June 13, 1833; m. William E. Baker, March 8, 1855.  
14 *Eunice*, b. June 11, 1835; m. S. Hudson Caldwell, Dec. 24, 1861; d. April 16, 1866, æ. 30 yrs., 10 mos.  
15 *Cynthia*, b. Sept. 6, 1837; m. Benjamin F. Sawyer, June 7, 1860; r. Springfield, Mass.  
16 *Myraette Vail*, b. June 7, 1840; m. Marcellus L. Morse, May 1, 1865; r. Keene.
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#### THE CALDWELL FAMILY.

- 1 ENSIGN JOSEPH CALDWELL (so called) came to town early, not far from 1751 or '52, and purchased the farm afterwards known as the Dea. William Mcnee farm, of John Taggart. He erected the first building on the farm. How long he remained in town is not known. He appears to have been a man of education, and spent his winters in teaching. It is inferred that he came from



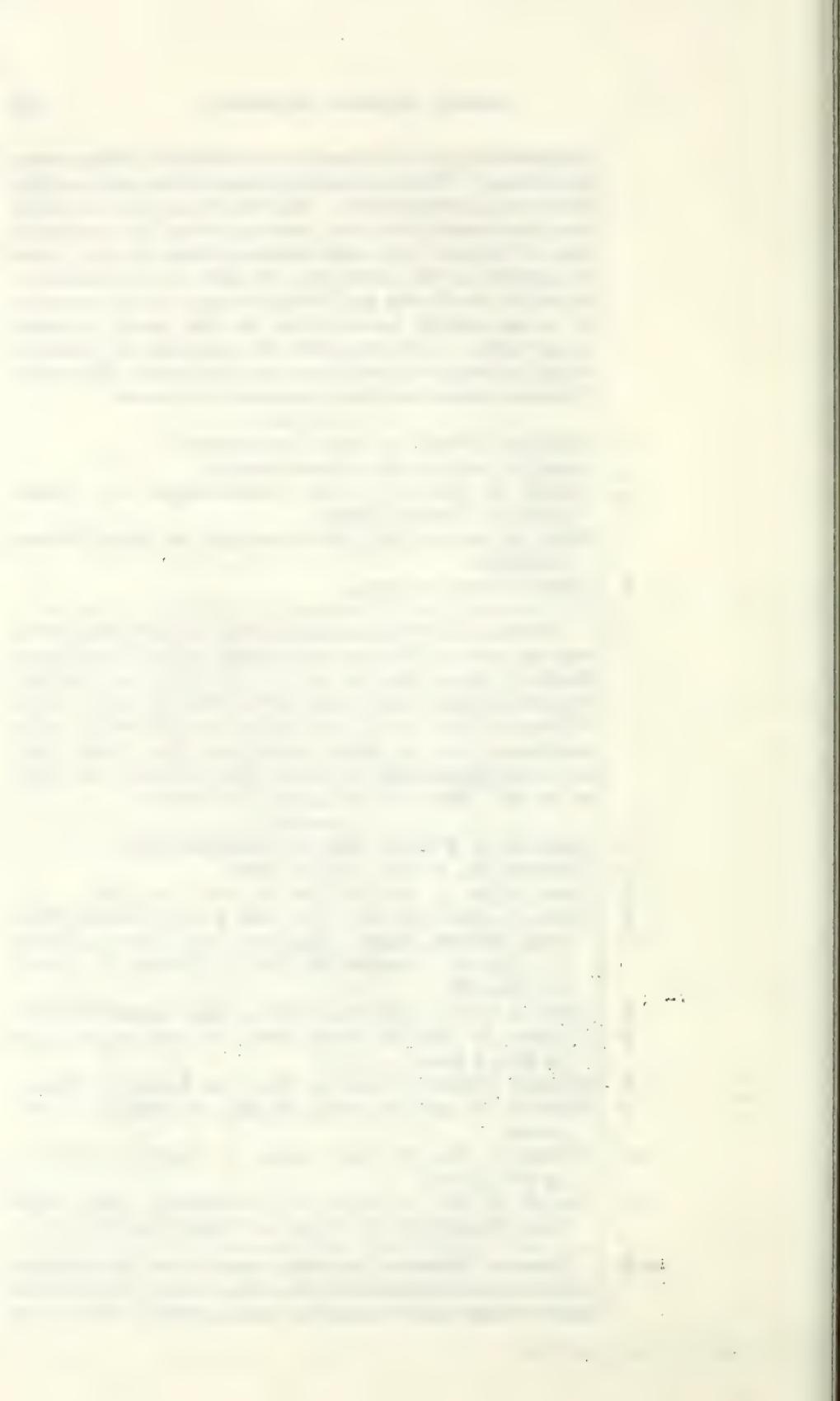
Londonderry, as it is reported that his first children were born there. We know nothing more of his wife or children than is related here. He was chosen as one of the first selectmen at the first meeting after the incorporation of the town, 1760, and again selectman in 1767; also moderator in the same year at three of the meetings. After this we do not meet with his name in the records. It is not exactly known when he left town, probably about 1770. It is supposed he removed to Colerain, Mass., as many of his children settled there. His wife's Christian name was Ann; surname not known.

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- 2 *William*, b. Sept. 27, 1750, Londonderry.  
 3 *Annie*, b. July 29, 1751, Londonderry.  
 4 *Joseph*, b. Jan. 23, 1752, Peterborough; m. Rachel McGee, Colerain, Mass.  
 5 *Mary*, b. Jan. 26, 1754, Peterborough; m. Jonas McGee, Colerain.  
 6 *John*, b. Dec. 20, 1759.
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1 THOMAS CALDWELL, a race entirely distinct from above, was the son of William and Agnes Caldwell, and b. at Bedford, Mass., Nov. 20, 1773. He came to Peterborough when quite a boy, and lived with his uncle, Capt. William Alld, in north part of town on Farm B, to his manhood. He m. Eliza Cunningham, dau. Capt. Samuel Cunningham, Feb. 12, 1808. He d. March 18, 1856, æ. 82 yrs. She d. Feb. 19, 1851, æ. 67 yrs.

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- 2 *Susan C.*, b. May 20, 1809; m. Jonathan Felt.  
 3 *Catherine M.*, b. Oct. 3, 1810; unm.  
 4 *Jane*, b. Jan. 5, 1813; d. Jan. 26, 1817, æ. 4 yrs.  
 5 *Nancy*, b. April 26, 1815; m., June 4, 1839, Silas G. Williams, Newton, Mass. Eight ch.; *viz.*, Ellen A., Maria F., Eliza E., Caroline W., Eva R., Janette W., Nancy C., Silas W.  
 6 *Eliza*, b. Oct. 3, 1817; m., Feb. 1, 1849, Augustus Fuller.  
 7 *William*, b. Dec. 24, 1819; unm.; d. Sept. 14, 1854, æ. 34 yrs., 8 mos.  
 8 *†Samuel Hudson*, b. Jan. 15, 1822; m. Eunice A. Buss.  
 9 *Mary E.*, b. April 20, 1824; d. Aug. 26, 1826, æ. 2 yrs., 4 mos.  
 10 *Thomas*, b. Nov. 26, 1826; unm.; d. March 23, 1871, æ. 44 yrs., 3 mos.  
 11 *Joseph*, b. Nov. 16, 1828; m., November, 1867, Lizzie Shaw, Rockford, Ill. One ch., Edith Eliza, b. —.
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1-8 SAMUEL HUDSON CALDWELL carried on the tin-plate and sheet-iron business in this village many years, till his health failed and compelled him to retire. He was a



worthy and useful citizen, and his early death was much lamented. He m., Dec. 24, 1862, Eunice A. Buss, dau. N. B. Buss. She d. at birth of child, April 16, 1866, æ. 30 yrs., 10 mos. He d. Nov. 13, 1867, æ. 45 yrs.

12 *William Hudson*, b. April 16, 1866.

### THE CAREY FAMILY.

1 SAMUEL CAREY, son of Samuel and Mary Smith Carey, was b. in Jaffrey, June 1, 1799. He came to town in 1814, when his mother, who was then a widow, moved here, and he has resided here since. He is a farmer, and by his industry and economy has acquired a large estate. He first purchased the Samuel Moore place, and carried it on for many years, when he removed to the village, and now owns and occupies the south dwelling of the "Brick Block." He m. Harriet Olcott, 1822.

2 *Jane*, b. Oct. 20, 1822; m. Munro Johnson, of Hancock; d. Sept. 30, 1852, aged 29 yrs., 11 mos.

3 † *Willard O.*, b. June 10, 1824; m., 1st w., Julia Ann Robbe; 2d w., Emma T. Perry.

4 *Eliza Ann*, b. Sept. 22, 1826; m. George Everett; r. New Jersey.

5 *Warren*, b. June 11, 1828; d., being scalded with hot water, June 1, 1831, æ. 3 yrs.

6 *Mary Ann*, b. Sept. 6, 1830; m. — Elliot.

7 *Samuel W.*, b. June 20, 1832; r. Iowa.

8 *Harriet R.*, b. April 26, 1835.

9 *Almena*, b. April 6, 1838.

10 *John*, b. Dec. 8, 1839; m. — Annette; r. Nebraska.

11 *Charles A.*, b. July 6, 1842; d. September, 1852, æ. 10 yrs.

1- 3 WILLARD O. CAREY, a machinist by trade, has succeeded his father on the homestead; m., 1st w., Julia Ann Robbe, b. April 23, 1827; d. June 19, 1850, æ. 23 yrs.; m., 2d w., Nov. 6, 1853, Emma T. Perry, dau. of Dea. Ebenezer Perry, b. Oct. 9, 1826. One ch. 1st w.; five ch. 2d w.

12 *Rosa Julia*, b. Nov. 14, 1849; m. Willis H. Winn.

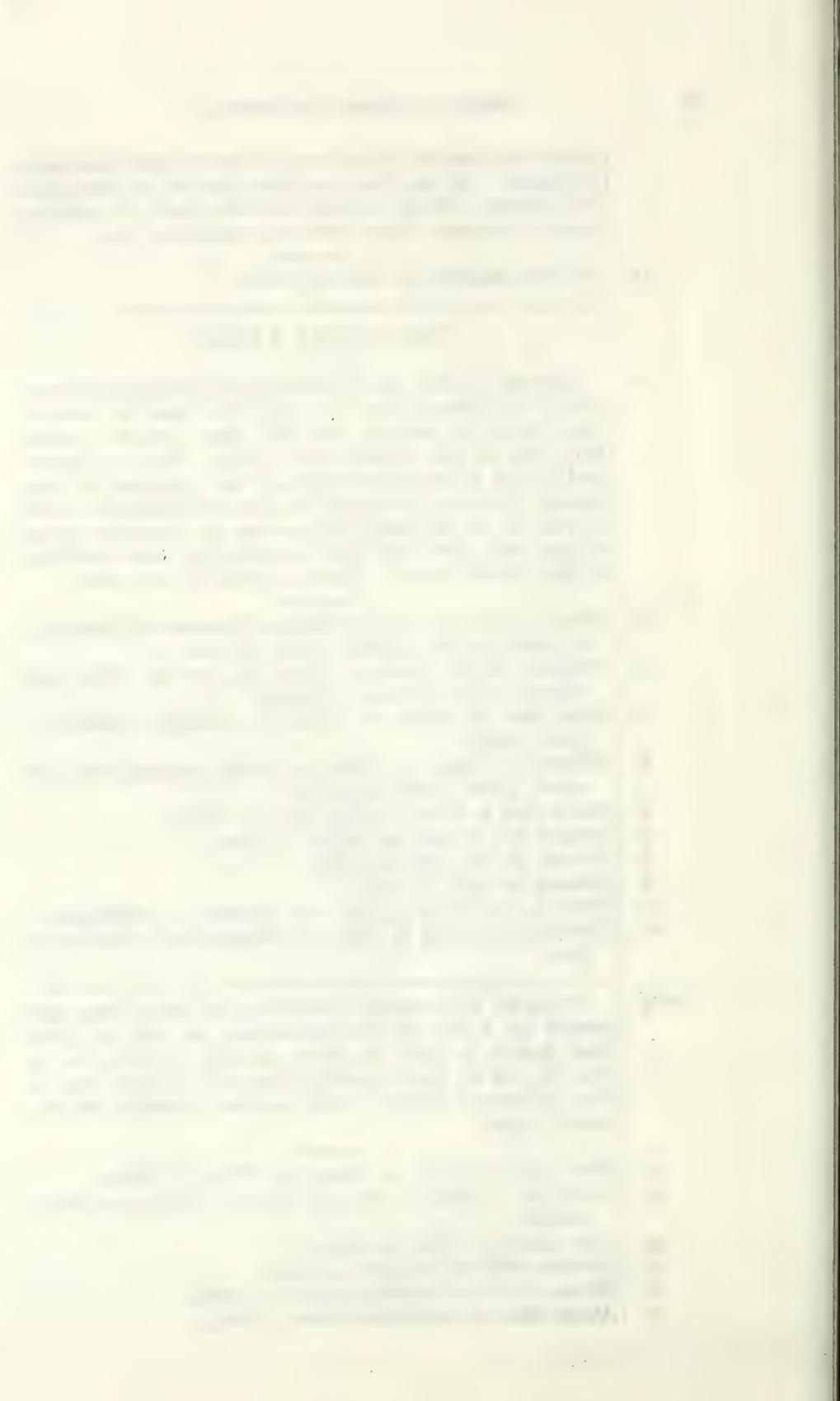
13 *Willis H.*, b. Sept. 1, 1854; d. May 11, 1857, æ. 2 yrs., 8 months.

14 *Alice Emma*, b. Jan. 25, 1857.

15 *Herbert Willard*, b. July 14, 1858.

16 *Hiram A.*, b. in Brooklyn, Sept. 17, 1860.

17 *Mabel Jane*, b. in Milford, Nov. 5, 1863.



## THE CARLEY FAMILY.

**I** ASA CARLEY was the son of David Carley, of Hancock. He came to Peterborough in 1812, and was foreman on Samuel Smith's farm many years, till he bought a farm in the east part of the town, where he lived till his death. He m. Kate Barry, June 19, 1803. He d. March 25, 1846, æ. 68 yrs. She d. Feb. 16, 1867, æ. 82 yrs., 9 mos.

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- 2** †*Dexter D.*, b. July 1, 1805; m. Nellie White.  
**3** *Mary*, b. Aug. 13, 1807; m. David Sprague, 1835.  
**4** *Eliza A.*, b. Aug. 4, 1809.  
**5** †*Peter*, b. Oct. 27, 1811; m. Louisa J. Clark, 1849.  
**6** †*Asa, Jr.*, b. Dec. 21, 1813; m., 1st w., Sarah B. Pillsbury, 1840; 2d w., Mrs. Hobart.  
**7** *John*, b. March 15, 1816; m. Almira Crockett; ch., George A., b. 1849.  
**8** *James M.*, b. Feb. 7, 1818; m. Malvina Crockett; 2d w., Lizzie E. Burleigh, 1866; ch., Earnest, b. 1867; Bennie, b. 1869; Alice, b. 1872.  
**9** *Sarah*, b. April 8, 1820; m. James B. Campbell, May 9, 1847; r. Manchester; ch., Lizzie, b. Dec. 24, 1849; d. Jan. 16, 1866; Charles Sumner, b. Dec. 24, 1855.  
**10** *Jane*, b. Aug. 14, 1825; d. Aug. 31, 1827, æ. 2 yrs.  
**11** *Jane C.*, b. Sept. 17, 1828; m. Parker Butterfield, Manchester, June 24, 1850; ch., Albert P., b. July 10, 1851; d. Aug. 16, 1853, æ. 2 yrs.; George P., b. Oct. 30, 1854; Charles F. W., b. July 12, 1858.
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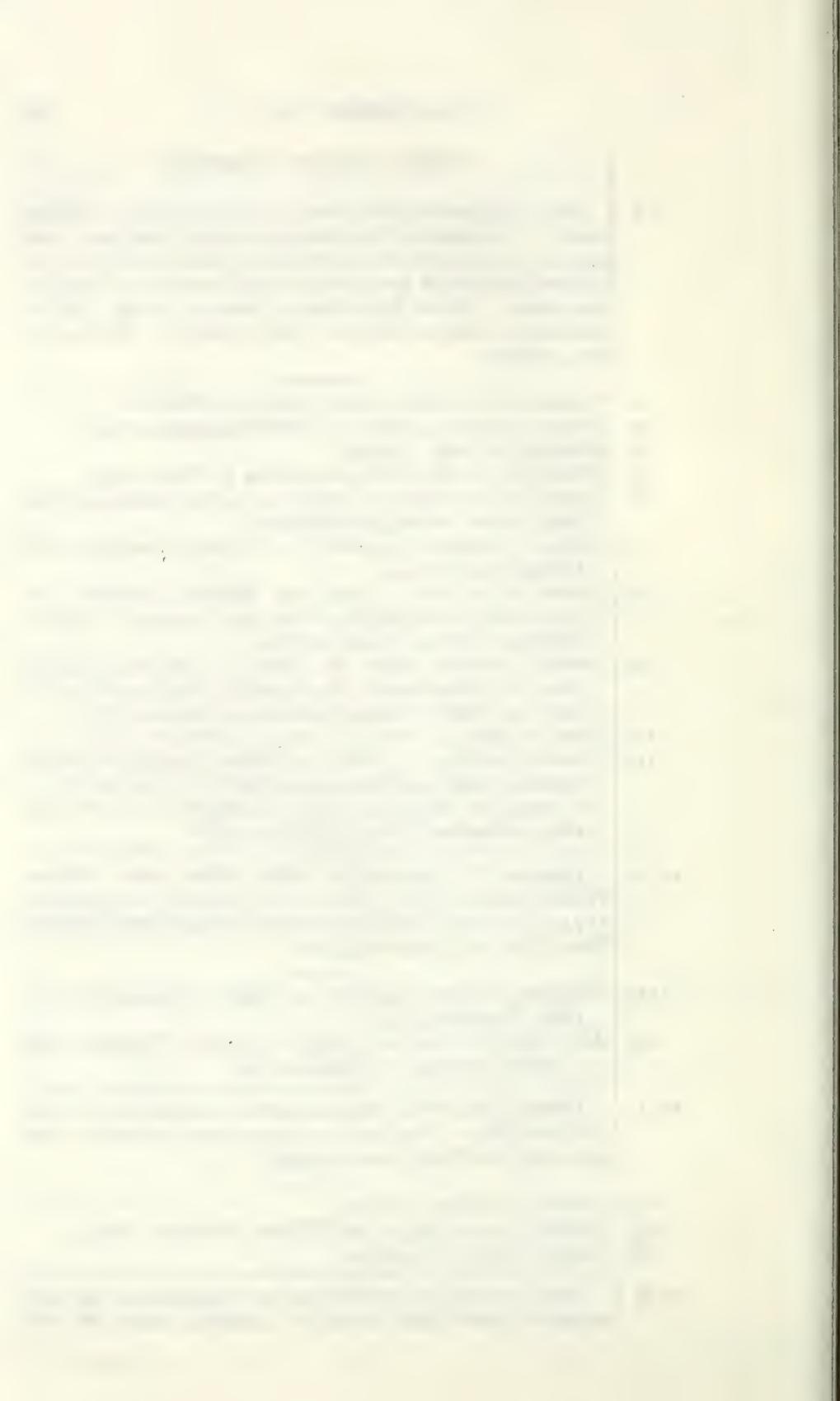
**I- 2** DEXTER D. CARLEY m. Nellie White, dau. William White, June 2, 1831. She d. at Hanover, Ill., January, 1874, æ. 72 yrs. He was drowned in the North Factory Pond, July 12, 1844, æ. 39 yrs.

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- 12** *William*, b. May 29, 1835; m. Mary J. James, June 17, 1856, Hanover, Ill.  
**13** *Mary Jane*, b. June 22, 1839; m. John L. Phillips, May 3, 1860; five ch.; r. Hanover, Ill.
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**I- 5** PETER CARLEY has always resided in town; m. Louisa J. Clark, 1849. He has for many years worked in the paper-mill in West Peterborough.

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- 14** *Sarah J.*, b. Jan. 1, 1850.  
**15** *Estella*, b. —, 1852; m. William Delmage, 1870.  
**16** *James M.*, b. —, 1854.
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**I- 6** ASA CARLEY, Jr., settled on the homestead, but subsequently sold it and moved to Bedford, where he now



lives. He m., 1st w., Sarah B. Pillsbury, April 1, 1840; 2d w., widow — Hobart, of Bedford, 1863.

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- 17 *Sarah C.*, b. May 20, 1841; m. — Putnam, Lyndeboro.  
 18 *Charles B.*, b. Nov. 9, 1843; supposed lost in the Chicago fire, 1871.  
 19 *George A.*, b. Nov. 10, 1847; d. Mch. 14, 1866, æ. 18 yrs., 4 mos.  
 20 *Albert B.*, } b. Feb. 5, 1851; { d. Mch. 18, 1866, æ. 15 yrs.  
 21 *Mary M.*, } b. } d. Mch. 11, 1852, æ. 1 yr.  
 22 *Etta F.*, b. April 24, 1855.
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- 2 *JABEZ CARLEY*, son of David Carley, of Hancock, and brother to Asa Carley. After a successful term of lumbering in the British Dominions, he returned to Peterborough, and bought the "Taylor place," so called, of James Smith, and erected an entire new set of buildings, where he lived till his death. He m., 1st w., April 10, 1821, Mary Washburn, of Hancock, and sister of Reuben Washburn, of this town. She d. in childbirth Aug. 25, 1838, æ. 48 yrs. He m., 2d wife, Emma Pratt, Oct. 24, 1839; c. He d. Jan. 27, 1848, æ. 64 yrs. She d. April 23, 1876, æ. 81 yrs.
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- 23 *David*, b. —, 1819; d. Aug. 18, 1820, æ. 1 yr.  
 24 *Henry*, b. —, 1822; d. Aug. 11, 1826, æ. 4 yrs.  
 25 *Eliza*, b. June 22, 1827; m. John W. Barber; r. in Kansas.  
 26 *Mary Jane*, b. June 17, 1832; m. David M. Cavender; re. to Illinois.  
 27 *Sarah*, b. March 7, 1835; m. Edmund S. Hoyt, of Warren, N. H., Aug. 8, 1861. She d. at Portland, Me., May 9, 1869, æ. 34 yrs. Ch. (1) Mary Brigham, b. Jan. 27, 1866; (2) Sarah Carley, b. Aug. 8, 1868.
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### THE CARTER FAMILY.

- 1 *OLIVER CARTER*, Jr., son of Oliver Carter, of Leominster, Mass., came to town in 1795, and succeeded Samuel Smith as a trader at the "Corner," and afterwards bought the property, and continued business until his death. He m. Jenny Stuart, dau. Charles Stuart. He d. April 5, 1812, æ. 49 yrs. His widow afterwards m. Capt. Thomas Sherwin. Capt. T. Sherwin d. Nov. 15, 1827, æ. 67 yrs. She d. March 8, 1857, æ. 82 yrs.
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- 2 *Franklin*, b. Nov. 19, 1795; m. Kate Whitbeck; re. to Lima, N. Y.; c.

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- 3 | †*Milton*, b. Dec. 2, 1797; m. Fanny Dean; b. May 15, 1812.  
 4 | *Eliza*, b. Dec. 21, 1799; d. May 25, 1818, æ. 19 yrs.  
 5 | *Charles*, b. Jan. 25, 1802; m. Almira Ingalls, May 8, 1827; r. Leominster.  
 6 | †*Henry S.*, b. Dec. 17, 1804; m. Eunice H. Searle, June 8, 1828.  
 7 | *Oliver*, b. March 15, 1807; m. Kate Gardner. She d. 1865; he d. 1863.  
 8 | *David*, b. Oct. 14, 1810. He spent a few years in the store of Samuel Smith previous to 1829, and then for a time resided in Boston, and afterwards went to California. Samuel A. Morison, formerly of this town, now residing in San Francisco, Cal., says that David Carter was the first man who carried gold from the California mines, 2000 ounces, to the Philadelphia mint. At the time of his death he was in the wholesale leather business in Boston. He d. in Boston, April 5, 1849, of an aneurism of the arch of the aorta, æ. 39 yrs.
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I- 3 MILTON CARTER. He always resided in town. He was a teacher of vocal music in town and the vicinity for many years. He m. Fanny Dean, Nov. 27, 1838. He d. Oct. 30, 1864, æ. 67 yrs.

- 9 | *Ann Eliza*, b. Nov. 29, 1840; d. May 27, 1844, æ. 3 yrs., 5 mos.  
 10 | *Fanny*, b. Dec. 3, 1844; d. Sept. 4, 1848, æ. 3 yrs., 10 mos.  
 11 | *Milton*, b. Dec. 2, 1850.
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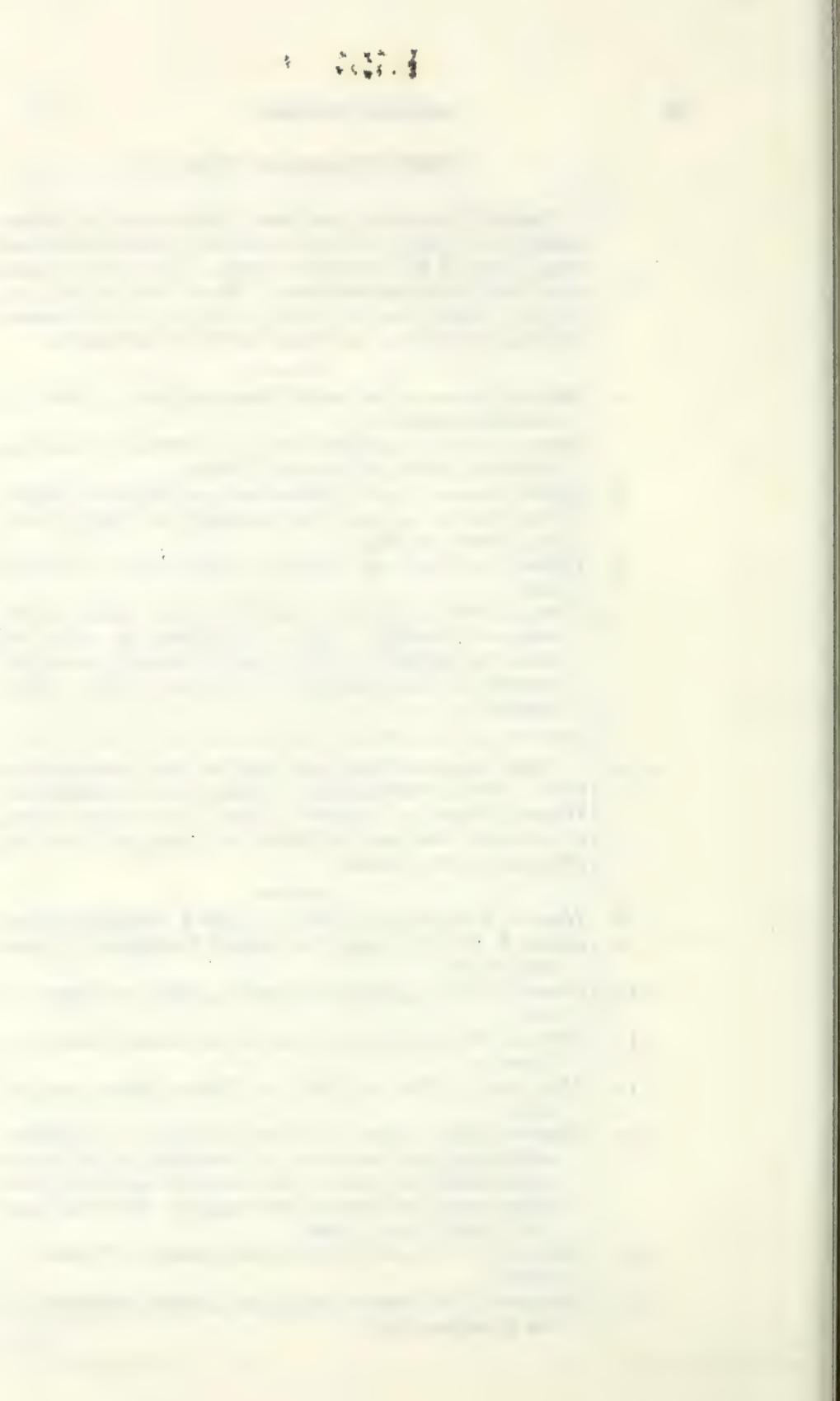
I- 6 HENRY STUART CARTER. He devoted much time in learning to play the violin, and became so skilled that his services were in great demand for many years for dancing-parties and schools in all this vicinity. He m. Eunice H. Searle, June 8, 1828. She was b. March 10, 1804. He d. April 12, 1873, æ. 69 yrs.

- 12 | *Anstiss M.*, b. Oct. 29, 1830; ch., Joseph C. Parsons [son of Anstiss M.], b. April 8, 1849; m. Eben G. Goldthwait, Jan. 3, 1852.  
 13 | *Eliza F.*, b. July 25, 1834; m. Benjamin F. Clark, June 16, 1860; ch., Charles, b. June 6, 1862. She d. July 2, 1862, æ. 27 yrs., 11 mos.  
 14 | *Emma G.*, b. Nov. 23, 1840; m. Sylvester Sweatt; r. Claremont; c.  
 15 | *Henry D.*, b. Sept. 5, 1847; d. Aug. 14, 1849, æ. 1 yr., 11 mos.



## THE CHAPMAN FAMILY.

- I** DUDLEY CHAPMAN came from Londonderry to Peterborough in 1788, and lived on the west side of the street road, near to the town-line brook. His wife's name was Eliza; surname unknown. He d. Oct. 18, 1832, æ. 67 yrs. She d. Nov. 28, 1826, æ. 66 yrs. He is remembered as one of the early bass singers in the church.
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- 2** *Mary L.*, b. — ; m. Isaiah Emerson, Dec. 15, 1808 ; r. Haverhill, Mass.
- 3** *Betsey*, b. — , Londonderry ; m. Samuel Hazletine, March 22, 1810 ; r. Haverhill, Mass.
- 4** †*John*, b. — , 1792, Peterborough ; m. Hannah Noyes.
- 5** †*Daniel*, b. — , 1794, Peterborough ; m. Peggy Gowing, March 11, 1824.
- 6** †*Moses*, b. March 16, 1796 ; m. Polly Pierce, of Hillsboro.
- 7** *Gates*, b. Feb. 8, 1798 ; m. April 24, 1824, Mary Burnham, of Meredith. Was a machinist by trade, at which he worked till failing health obliged him to relinquish it. He d. March 25, 1873, æ. 75 yrs. ; r. New Ipswich.
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- I- 4** JOHN CHAPMAN lived and died on the homestead in town. He m. Hannah Noyes, 1815, dau. Eliphalet and Hannah Noyes, of Haverhill, Mass. He d. June, 1832, æ. 40 yrs. She was b. March 18, 1795 ; d. Jan. 14, 1873, æ. 77 yrs., 9 mos.
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- 8** *Hannah*, b. March 24, 1816 ; d. April 8, 1816, æ. 15 dys.
- 9** *Laura*, b. Oct. 15, 1817 ; m. George Goodnow ; r. Mankato, Minn.
- 10** *Charles*, b. July 5, 1819 ; d. June 25, 1824, æ. 4 yrs., 11 mos.
- 11** *John D.*, b. July 29, 1821 ; m. Eliza Cutter Jaffrey ; r. Keene.
- 12** *Mary Ann*, b. Dec. 12, 1823 ; m. Henry Steele, Aug. 6, 1846.
- 13** *Hannah Jane*, b. Dec. 15, 1825 ; killed by a window-sash falling upon her neck, in attempting to get into a school-house in Jaffrey, the blocking under her feet falling away, and leaving her hung by the neck, June 2, 1838, æ. 12 yrs., 5 mos.
- 14** *George W.*, b. April 18, 1828 ; m. Sarah J. Parker ; r. Boston.
- 15** *Margaret L.*, b. June 2, 1830 ; m. Charles Morrison ; r. San Francisco, Cal.



1- 5 DANIEL CHAPMAN m. Peggy Gowing, dau. William Gowing, March 11, 1824; he d. Nov. 11, 1832, æ. 38 yrs.; she d. May 22, 1867, æ. 70 yrs.

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16 *Louisa*, b. ——, 1825; d. April 19, 1828, æ. 3 yrs.  
17 *William Wallace*, b. April 19, 1827; m. Lydia Hannaford; r. Ashburnham, Mass.; ch., (1) Charlie H., (2) Fred W., (3) Kate M., (4) Nettie M., (5) Jessie D., (6) Hattie P.

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1- 6 MOSES CHAPMAN was a cabinet-maker by trade, and carried on this business many years in a shop on Wallace's brook near the Powers, now Mears place, and then removed to the village where he built a house and buildings for carriage-making, in which he then engaged. He m. Polly Pierce, Dec. 25, 1823; he d. March 3, 1859, æ. 62 yrs., 9 mos.; she d. July 11, 1867, æ. 72 yrs., 9 mos.; b. Sept. 30, 1794.

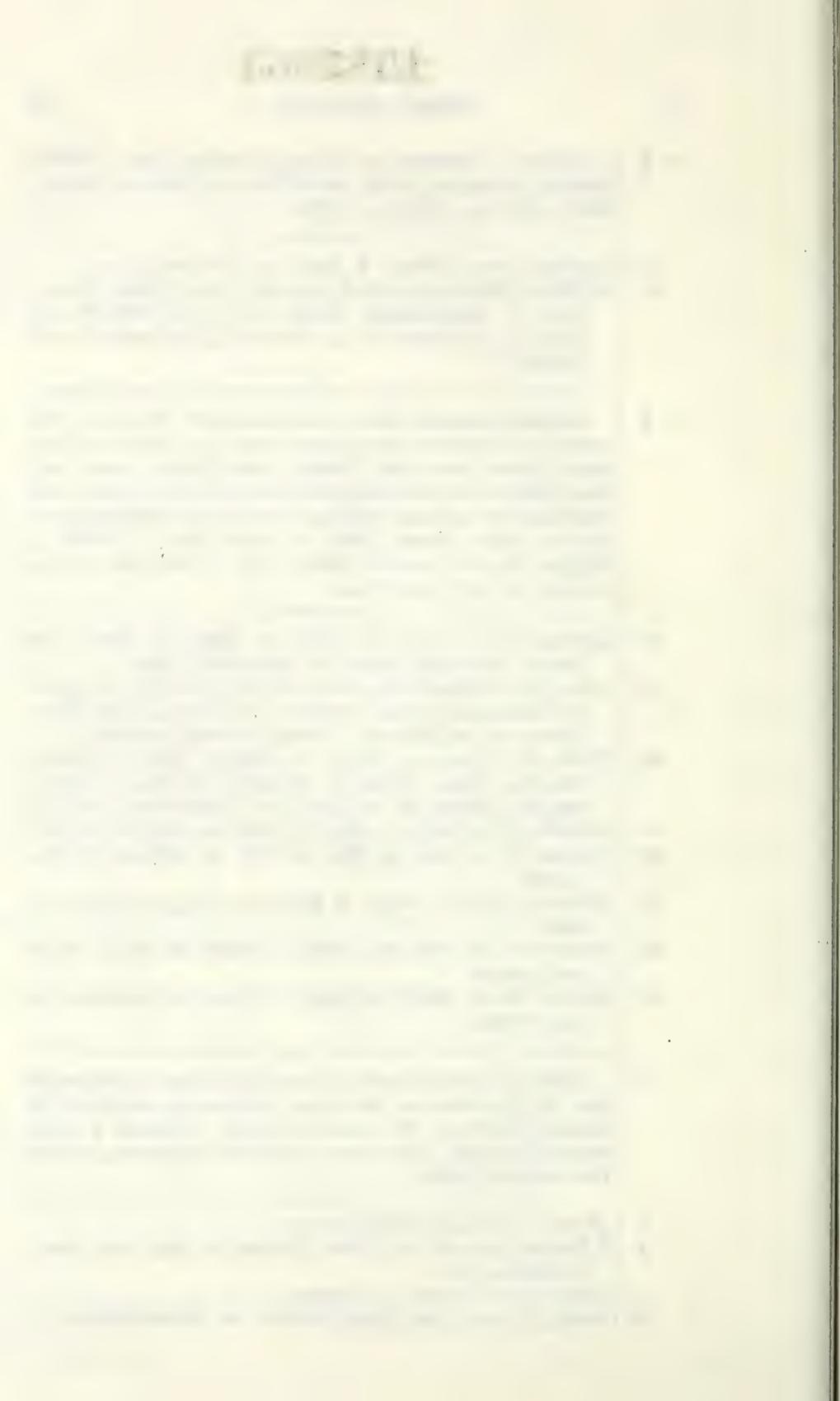
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- 18 *Andrew F.*, b. Oct. 18, 1824; m. June 19, 1845, Ann Black, Haverhill, Mass.; r. Haverhill, Mass.  
19 *Albert P.*, b. March 29, 1826; d. Feb. 18, 1858, in Palmer, Mass., æ. 31 yrs., 10 mos.; m. Oct. 25, 1847, Mary Blanchard, of Palmer. A man of much promise.  
20 *Julia A.*, b. Jan. 22, 1828; m. George Handy, Dublin, Dec. 24, 1849; d. Jan. 5, 1872, æ. 43 yrs., 11 mos.; one ch., Emma M.; 2d hus. —— Sutherland; one ch.  
21 *Adaline P.*, b. Aug. 11, 1830; d. Sept. 14, 1848, æ. 18 yrs.  
22 *Jerome B.*, b. June 25, 1832; d. Oct. 25, 1863, æ. 31 yrs., 4 mos.  
23 *Martin*, b. Oct. 3, 1834; d. Sept. 29, 1865, æ. 30 yrs., 11 mos.  
24 *Walter D.*, b. Dec. 13, 1836; d. May 20, 1858, æ. 21 yrs., 9 mos.  
25 *Harriet M.*, b. April 11, 1839; d. June 17, 1864, æ. 25 yrs., 2 mos.
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1 JERRY CHAPMAN came to town, and lived in the south part of the town on the place afterwards occupied by Samuel Clark on the town-line brook. He was a shoemaker by trade. The name of his wife unknown, as also the deaths of both.

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- 2 *John*, b. ——; (3) *Zadoc*, b. ——.  
4 †*Joshua*, b. ——; m. Mary Robbe; b. Sept. 27, 1790; r. Elmira, N. Y.  
5 *Patty*, b. ——; m. —— Banks.  
6 *Betsey*, b. ——; m. David Robbe; re. Pennsylvania.



1- 4 JOSHUA CHAPMAN m. Mary Robbe, Sept. 5, 1811,  
dau. Capt. William Robbe; r. Elmira, N. Y.

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- 7 *William*, b. Feb. 25, 1812.  
 8 *Maria Louisa*, b. Aug. 26, 1813.  
 9 *John*, b. Nov. 17, 1814.  
 10 *James Robbe*, b. Oct. 16, 1816.  
 11 *Mary*, b. Sept. 20, 1818.  
 12 *Feremiah*, b. July 14, 1820.

All born in Peterborough.

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### THE CHASE FAMILY.

1 WILLARD DUNLAP CHASE, M.D., son of Willard W. and Maria Dunlap Chase, b. in Claremont, Dec. 4, 1836. He received his education at the district school and academy in the town. At the age of twenty he entered the apothecary shop of Edwin Ainsworth, of Claremont, and at about the age of twenty-four commenced the study of medicine, under the instruction of Drs. S. G. Jarvis and C. A. Volk. He attended his medical lectures at Dartmouth Medical College and at Harvard Medical University, and in March, 1866, received the degree of M.D. from the latter institution. He settled at Greenfield immediately on graduation, and after remaining there two years he removed to Peterborough in the spring of 1868, where he now resides as a practising physician. He is now one of the superintending School Committee of Peterborough; m. Dec. 30, 1869, Josephine L., dau. of Moses Clark, Esq., of Wilton.

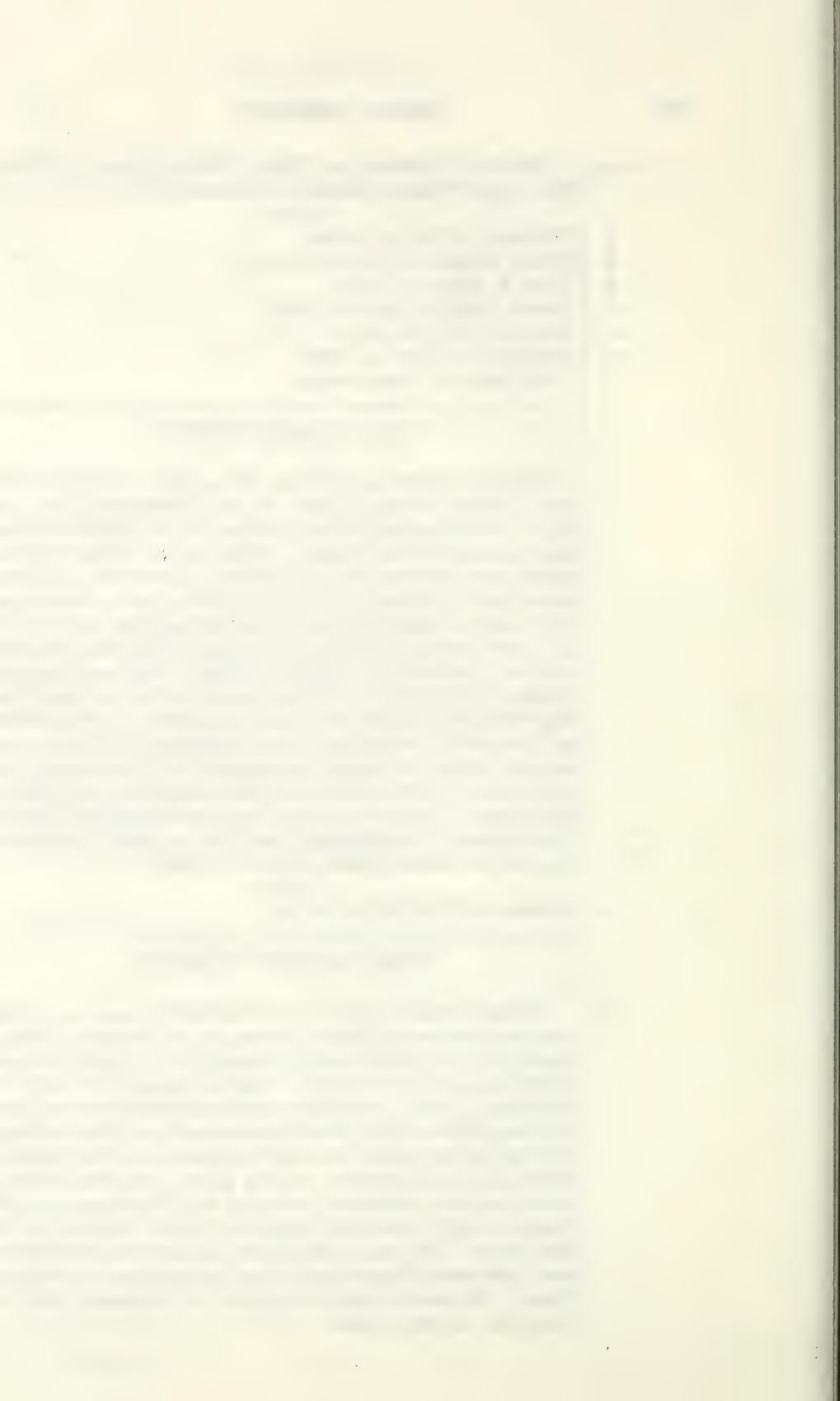
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2 *Blanche M.*, b. Feb. 16, 1871.

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### THE CHENEY FAMILY.

1 MOSES CHENEY was b. in Thornton, Jan. 31, 1793, and was the son of Elias Cheney, b. in Newbury, Mass., April 18, 1768, and Sarah Burbank, his w., born in Newbury, Mass., Nov. 22, 1766. He m. Abigail Morison, b. March 25, 1796. He was a paper manufacturer at Holderness, from which place he removed to Peterborough in 1835 to engage in the same business with his brother in-law, A. P. Morrison, of this place. He remained in town ten years, when he returned to Holderness, or Ashland, severed from that town, and spent the rest of his life there. He was a good and highly respected man, and held many important offices in the town in which he lived. He died while on a visit at Lebanon, July 17, 1875, æ. 82 yrs., 5 mos.

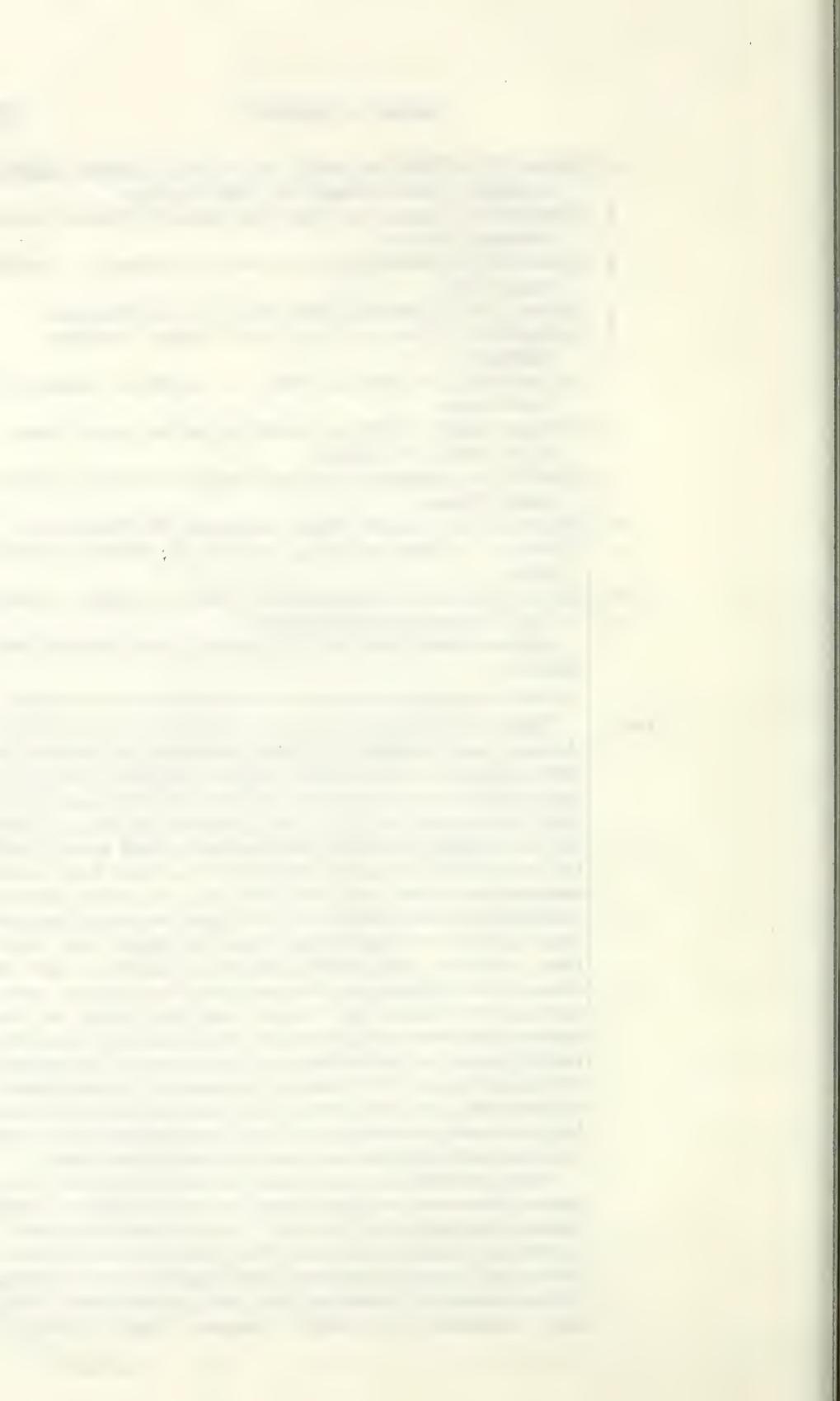


- 2 †*Oren B.*, b. Dec. 10, 1816; m., 1st w., Caroline Adelia Rundlett; 2d w., Nancy St. Clair Perkins.
- 3 *Esther M.*, b. Sept. 27, 1819; m. John M. Merrill, Holderness; d. —.
- 4 *Sarah B.*, b. March 30, 1821; m. S. G. Abbot; r. Needham, Mass.
- 5 *Moses, Jr.*, b. June 28, 1822; m. —; r. Henniker.
- 6 *Abigail M.*, b. Dec. 21, 1823; m. George Washburn; r. Ashland.
- 7 †*Charles G.*, b. July 8, 1826; m. Sarah E. Smith, of Holderness.
- 8 †*Person Colby*, b. Feb. 25, 1828; m., 1st w., Anna Moore; 2d w., Sarah W. Keith.
- 9 *Ruth E.*, b. May 28, 1830; m. Joseph W. Lord; r. Wollaston, Mass.
- 10 †*Elias H.*, b. Jan. 28, 1832; m. Susan W. Youngman.
- 11 *Marcia A.*, b. Sept. 26, 1834; m. I. P. F. Smith; r. Meredith.
- 12 *Harriet O.*, b. in Peterborough, Feb. 27, 1838; m. Dr. C. F. Bonney; r. Manchester.  
All the above born in Holderness, now Ashland, but the last.

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OREN B. CHENEY, D.D., was b. Dec. 10, 1816, in Holderness, now Ashland. He was prepared for college at New Hampton, and entered Brown University in 1835, but took up his connections and entered Dartmouth College in the spring of 1836, and graduated in 1839. During his college course he kept schools every winter, and in one of them he had an experience that may have been serviceable to him in all his after life. A certain important man in the district did not approve of prayers in school, and was determined that he should not offer them, and he, being disinclined to acquiesce in such a demand to discontinue the exercise, the district were summoned to decide the matter; but they could not be made subservient to this man's view, and he went on, nothing awed or intimidated, to the close of his school as he had begun. He learned a lesson of perseverance, self-reliance, and self-control from this circumstance that has, no doubt, had much to do in making him the great educator and efficient man he is at the present time.

After graduation he was engaged in teaching in academies some two or three years in various places, and commenced preaching in 1842. He had two pastorates; he was six years at Lebanon, Me., and five at Augusta. He started a movement for a Free Baptist School in 1854. It was located at Lewiston, Me., and existed until 1863 as a seminary. In 1863 it became "Bates College,"



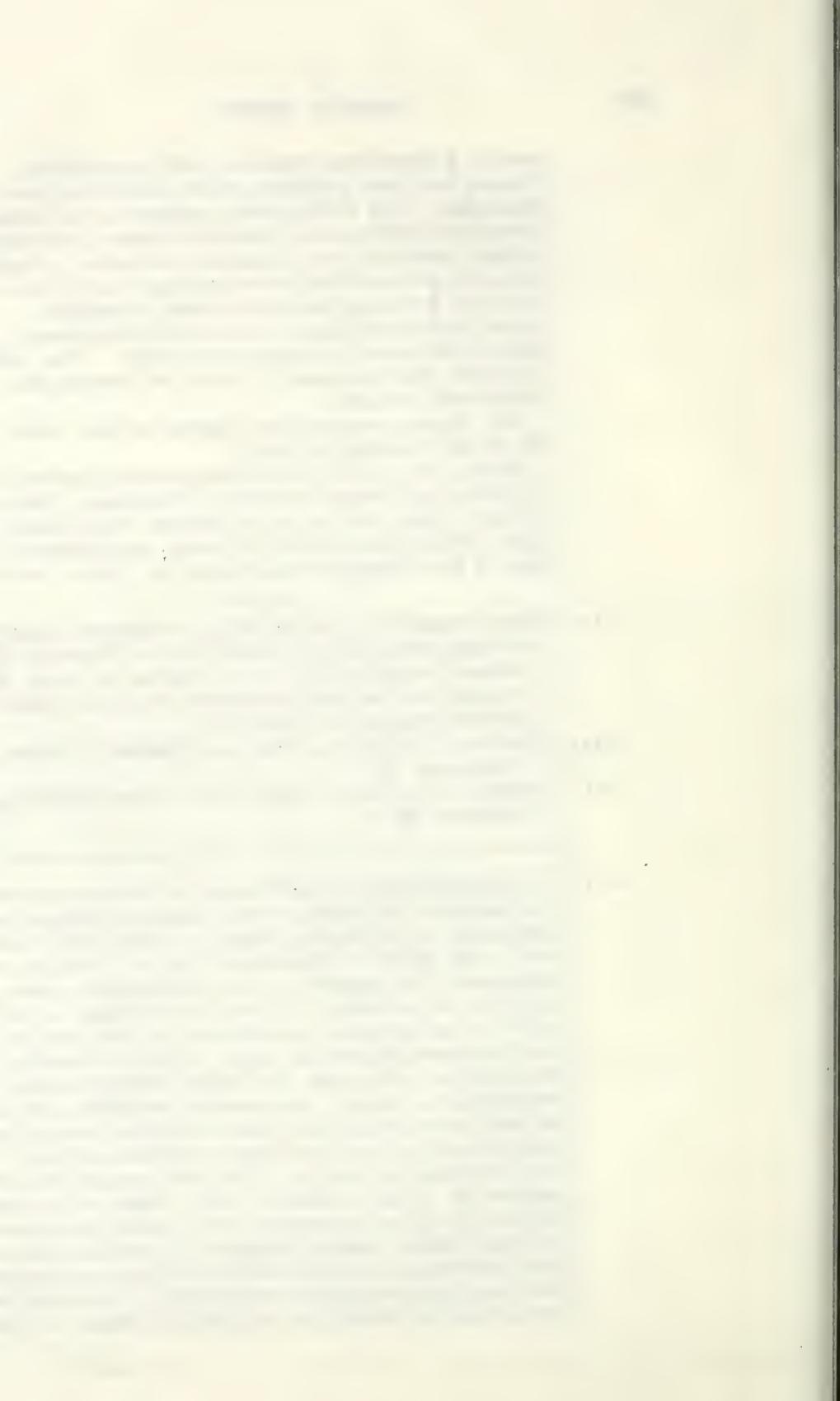
now in a flourishing condition, with 125 students. Mr. Cheney has been president of the institution from the beginning. The college has a campus of 50 acres,—three large buildings and president's house; total value of college property about \$300,000, and also a fund of \$100,000, and an effort is now making to add \$200,000, of which \$150,000 has been already subscribed. Connected with the college is a theological department, and there is also near by a preparatory school. The college is named after Benjamin E. Bates, of Boston, who has subscribed \$200,000.

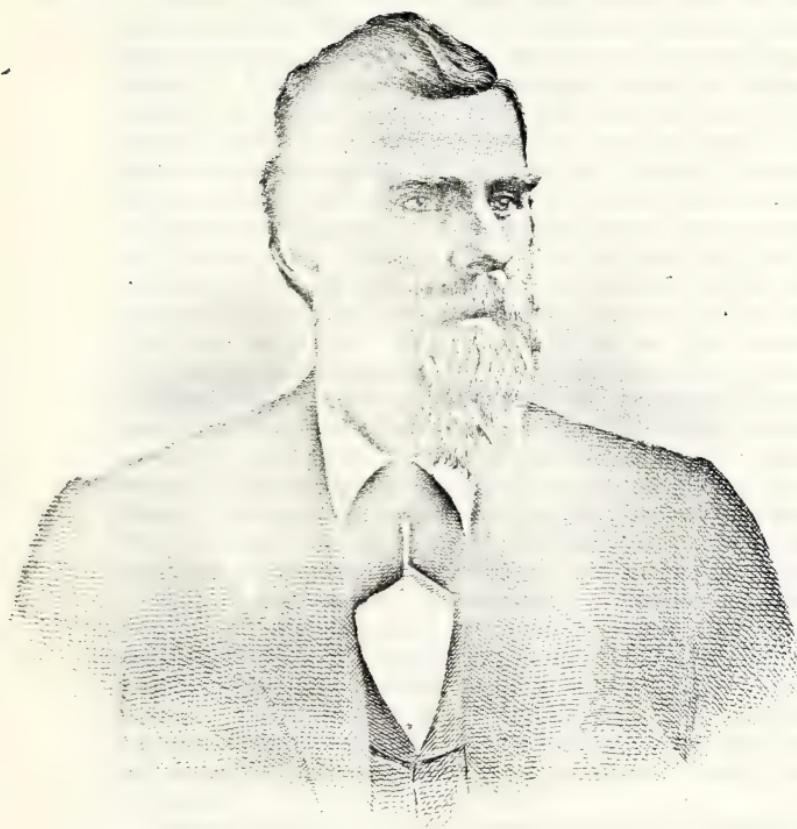
Mr. Cheney received the degree of D.D. from the Wesleyan University in 1863.

He m., 1st w., in 1840, Caroline Adelia Rundlett, dau. of James and Betsey Rundlett, of Stratham. She died in June, 1846. He m., 2d w., August, 1847, Nancy St. Clair Perkins, dau. of Rev. Thomas and Rebecca Perkins, of New Hampton; 1st w., one ch.; 2d w., two ch.

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- 13 *Horace Rundlett*, b. Oct. 29, 1844. Graduated Bowdoin College, Me., 1863. Studied law at Harvard Law School; is now settled in the practice of law in Boston, and for the past three years has been Assistant District Attorney of Suffolk Co.
- 14 *Caroline A.*, b. July 30, 1848; m. Charles H. Swan, of Providence, R. I.
- 15 *Emeline R.*, b. Jan. 23, 1850; m. J. Frank Boothby, of Lewiston, Me.
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1- 7 CHARLES GILMAN CHENEY came to Peterborough with his parents while young,—was fitted for college, and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1848. He studied law in the office of Nesmith & Pike, of Franklin, and commenced the practice of his profession in town in 1851, but on account of ill health was obliged to relinquish it, and accepted the office of the first cashier of the Peterborough Bank, in 1854. He held this office till the spring of 1862, when, his health failing entirely, he was obliged to resign. By a severe rheumatic affection he lost the use of his lower limbs for some three or four years before his death, and was in constant suffering for the last years of his life. His life opened with the promise of great usefulness and honor, which was blighted by ill health from his first beginning to the end. He was a man of sterling integrity, of manly and honorable attainments, and of kindly affections, and his loss was deeply deplored by the community. He m., Oct. 25, 1851, Sarah E. Smith, dau. of Obadiah Smith, of Hol-





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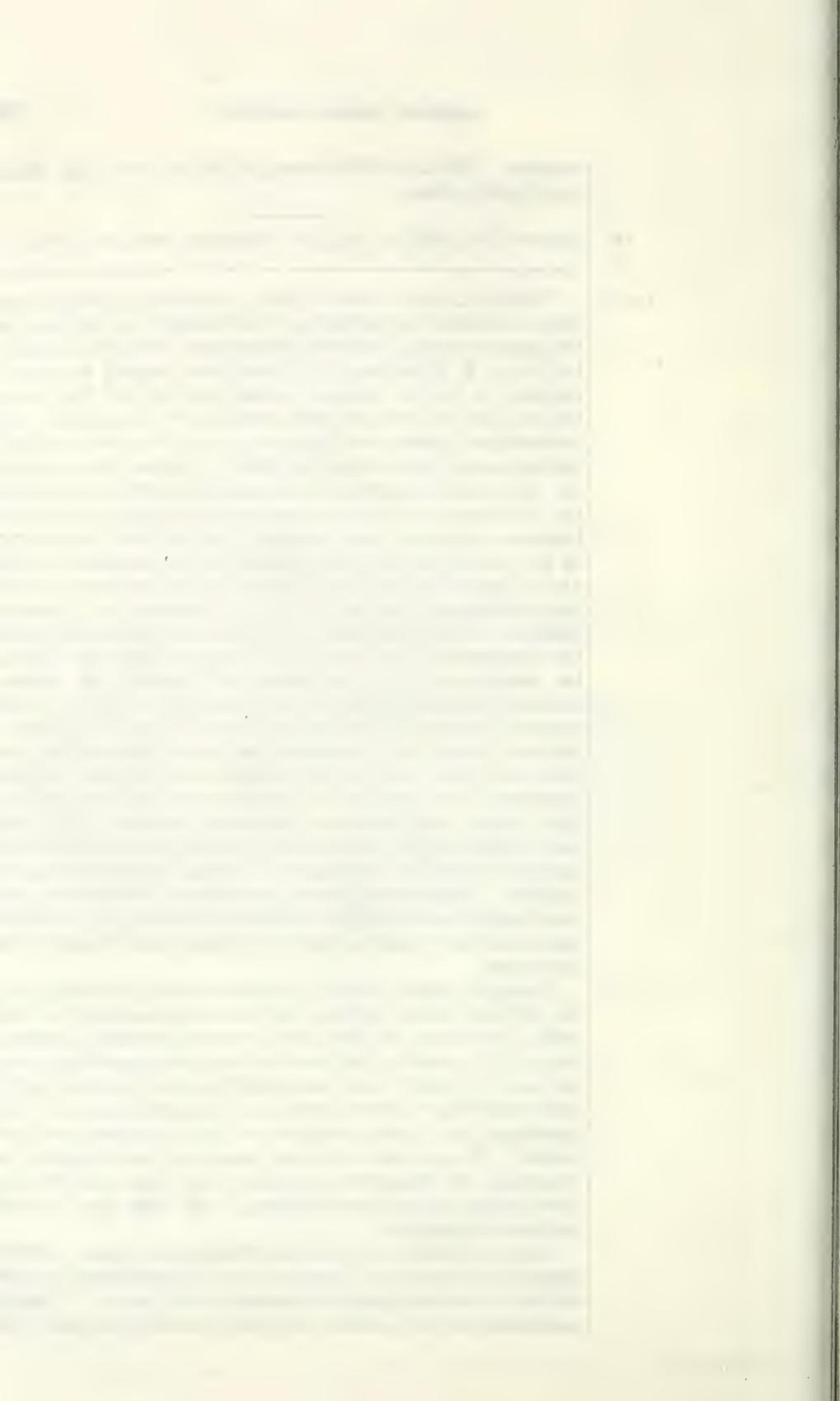
derness. He d. at Hillsborough Bridge, Nov. 13, 1862, æ. 36 yrs., 4 mos.

16 *Albert P.*, b. Feb. 2, 1853; d. March 8, 1862, æ. 9 yrs.

1- 8 PERSON COLBY CHENEY (Gov.) was seven years of age when his father removed to Peterborough, to engage in the paper-making business, in company with his brother-in-law, A. P. Morrison. He was here trained to paper-making in all its modern forms, devoting all his early life to it, aside from the time spent in his education. He commenced business in the west part of the town, erected the paper-mill now owned by John J. Barker, and carried on the paper manufacture successfully until he removed to Manchester in 1866, to engage in the paper and stock business, where he now resides. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, and was appointed quartermaster of the 13th Reg. of N. H. Vols., August, 1862, and was honorably discharged August, 1863, on account of a severe sickness, which assumed a chronic and dangerous form that threatened life; but after a long and tedious illness, he finally and fully recovered his health. He represented Peterborough in the legislature in 1853, '54; was elected Railroad Commissioner in 1864 for three years; elected Mayor of Manchester for 1872, which office he held but one year, being obliged, on account of the urgency of his business, peremptorily to decline a reëlection, which was earnestly proffered to him. Mr. Cheney's removal from Peterborough was a source of sincere regret to his many friends, and a great loss to the community. He at once became popular at Manchester by his honest and upright business relations, by his kind and unselfish manner, and his sincerity and integrity of character.

Though denied, by the circumstances of his early life, the highest mental culture, yet it is supplemented to him with a far-seeing sagacity, and a common-sense application of his powers that render him an exceedingly useful man in society, and particularly to his political party, over which he exercises such an extensive control. He possesses, in all the relations of life, the very soul of honor. He can never do too much for his friends; he cherishes no resentments against any one,—no vindictive feeling against his enemies, if he has any, or his political opponents.

His judgments of men and things are almost always singularly correct and just, and he is considered a safe adviser in any exigency of business or of party. Though unhackneyed in political life, and unwilling to yield his



time and services to public office, to the great injury of his private business, yet his uncommon qualifications pointed him as perhaps the only man who could be successful against the great odds in the election of March, 1875. An uncommon unanimity in the party induced him to yield to the public call to be considered a candidate for Governor of the State. The result of the election was a surprise to every one,—a triumphant and confident party was defeated, and he was almost elected by the popular vote. His election was consummated by the legislature in June, 1875. Gov. Cheney was a candidate again for Governor in the March election of 1876, and was triumphantly elected by over 3,000 majority, and is the Governor of New Hampshire during this Centennial year. He m., 1st w., May 22, 1850, S. Anna Moore, dau. of S. Morison Moore. She d. Jan. 7, 1858, æ. 27 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mrs. Sarah W. Keith, dau. of Jonathan White, Esq., of Hanover, Ill., June 29, 1859.

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17 *Agnes Annie*, b. Manchester, Oct. 22, 1869.

1- 10 ELIAS H. CHENEY m. Susan W. Youngman, of Peterborough, b. April 11, 1831. He was fitted for college at New Hampton and Exeter Academy. Having become a printer by trade, he purchased the Peterborough *Transcript* in 1853, and published it two years. In 1855, he removed to Concord, and took charge of the New Hampshire *Phoenix*, and subsequently purchased, in 1861, the *Granite State Free Press*, published at Lebanon, and has published that paper since. He represented the town of Lebanon in the legislature in 1867, '68.

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18 *Fred. W.*, b. Peterborough, May 19, 1853.

19 *Harry M.*, b. Newport, March 8, 1860.

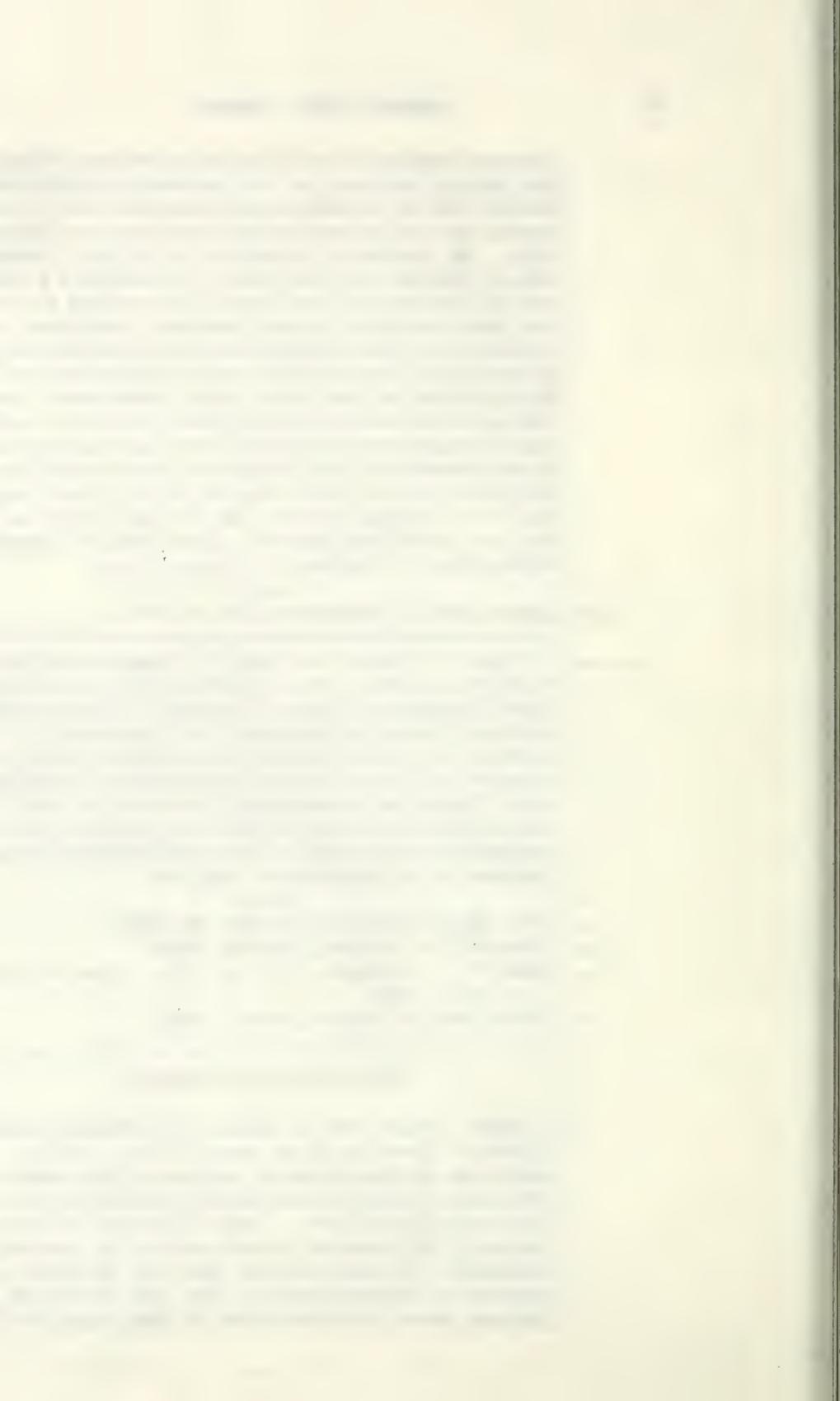
20 *Susie Y.*, b. Lebanon, Dec. 23, 1863; d. Jan. 28, 1864,  
æ. 1 mo., 5 dys.

21 *Helen Gray*, b. Lebanon, Nov. 5, 1865.

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### THE CHILDS FAMILY.

1 AMZI CHILDS, son of Henry and Matilda Billings Childs, of Deerfield, Mass., was b. Nov. 1, 1817. His father was the descendant of persons of that name that first came to Deerfield one hundred and sixty years ago. He lived and died there. Amzi Childs received his education at the common schools and at the academy in Deerfield. His early life was spent on the farm. He removed to Peterborough in 1841, and carried on, for thirteen years, the manufacture of lead pipe, the first



manufactory of the kind in this region. He then commenced the manufacture of baskets in 1854, having purchased the large building erected by Moses Chapman for a wheelwright shop—which he rebuilt and remodelled for this purpose,—and has continued the same business on an extensive scale to the present time. His wares are sold and known all through the New England States. He lives on Pine Street, in a house built by himself in 1849, situated a few rods south, and on the same side of the road, of the house of M. L. Morison and James Scott. Selectman, 1854, '55; m. Jan. 28, 1846, Sarah D. Manahan, of Francestown. She d. March 24, 1856, æ. 36 yrs.; m., 2d w., July 7, 1859, Margaret A. Brenan of Francestown. One ch., 1st w.

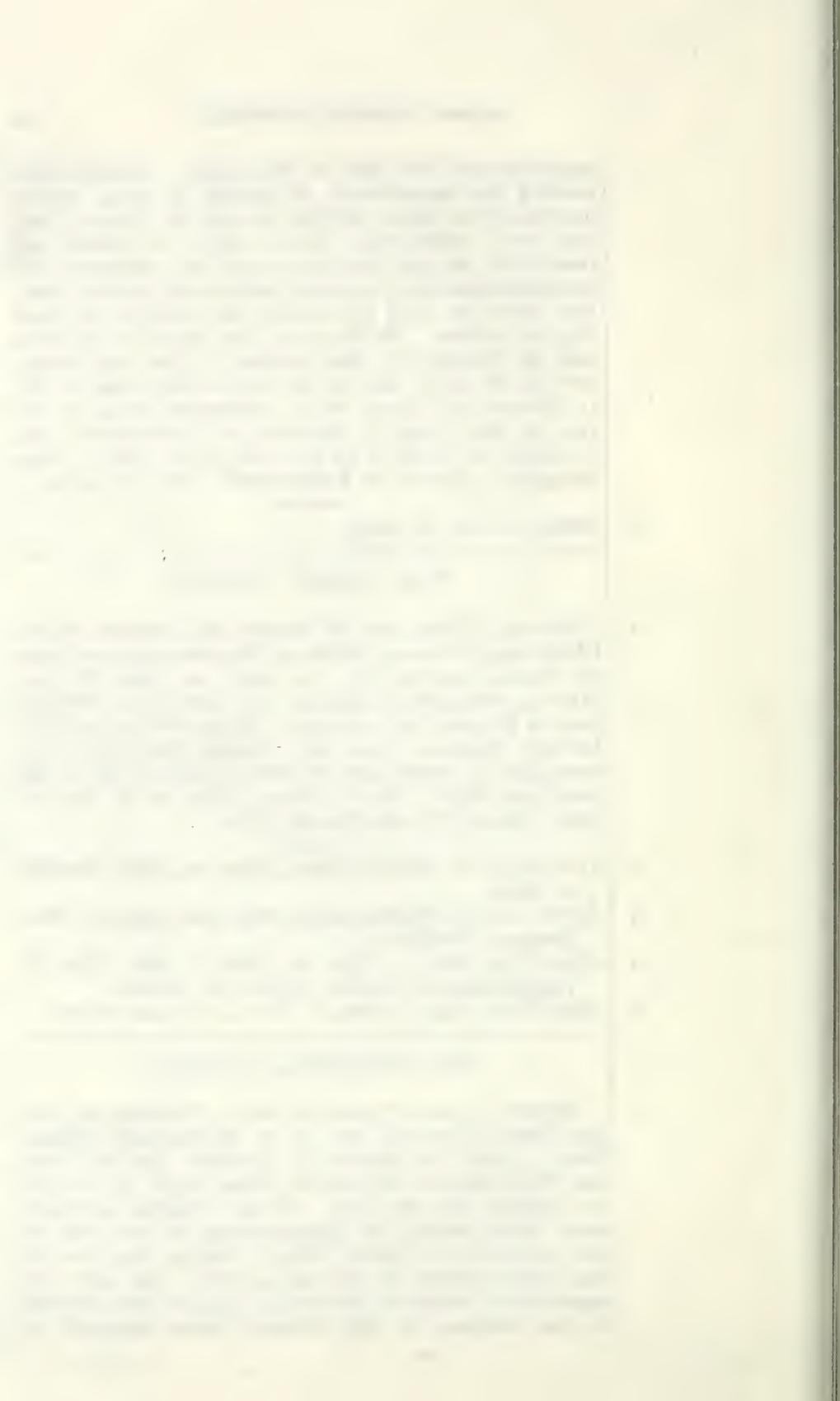
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- 2 *Henry*, b. Sept. 21, 1849.

#### THE CLARK FAMILY.

- 1 SAMUEL CLARK, son of Samuel and Rebecca Miller Clark, dau. of Samuel Miller of Peterborough, residents of Sharon, was b. Dec. 13, 1793; m. Lucy McCoy, May 14, 1829, dau. of William and Lucy Ryan McCoy, born in Sharon, Sept. 25, 1798. They removed to Peterborough March 4, 1834, and occupied the Jerry Chapman place in south part of town, his farm lying on the town-line brook. He d. Dec. 4, 1851, æ. 57 yrs., 11 mos. She d. Oct. 26, 1861, æ. 63 yrs.
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- 2 *Lucia A.*, b. in Sharon, May 6, 1830; m., 1851, Kendall C. Scott.
- 3 *Sarah E.*, b. in Sharon, July 4, 1832; m., April 12, 1860, Sampson Washburn.
- 4 *Albert S.*, b. Sept. 1, 1834; m., April 4, 1867, Ellen E. Taggart, dau. of Phineas Taggart, of Sharon.
- 5 *Abbie F.*, b. Aug. 4, 1839; d. Oct. 7, 1861, æ. 22 yrs.
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#### THE COGSWELL FAMILY.

- 1 HENRY FRANCIS COGSWELL, son of William and Abigail Dowes Cogswell, was b. in Marlborough, Mass., May 3, 1796; m. Rebecca P. Hosmer, dau. of Cyrus and Polly Hosmer, of Concord, Mass., Sept. 14, 1818, b. in Concord, Nov. 28, 1797. He is a woollen manufacturer, having served his apprenticeship of four years at the business in Concord, Mass. During this time he had a short service in the war of 1812. He says: "I spent three months in the war in 1814, at South Boston, in the company of light infantry, which consisted of



fifty men ; and I am the *only* man living out of the fifty, — rather extraordinary, as I always had a feeble body ! ” He purchased the woollen-mill and clothier’s-shop of Calvin Chamberlain, in 1817, built and operated by Perkins and Chamberlain for wool-carding and cloth-dressing, and removed to Peterborough and commenced business the same year. He manufactured satinets, cassimeres, and roller-cloth. While owned by him, the mill was destroyed by fire, with a loss of \$3,571 in 1823, and promptly rebuilt in 1824. In 1831 this mill was remodelled with new machinery and the power looms. He remained in the woollen business till 1845, when he sold his factory and other property to Joseph Noone, and that same year removed to Buffalo, N. Y., where he now resides. He was very successful in business, and before he retired had acquired a large estate.

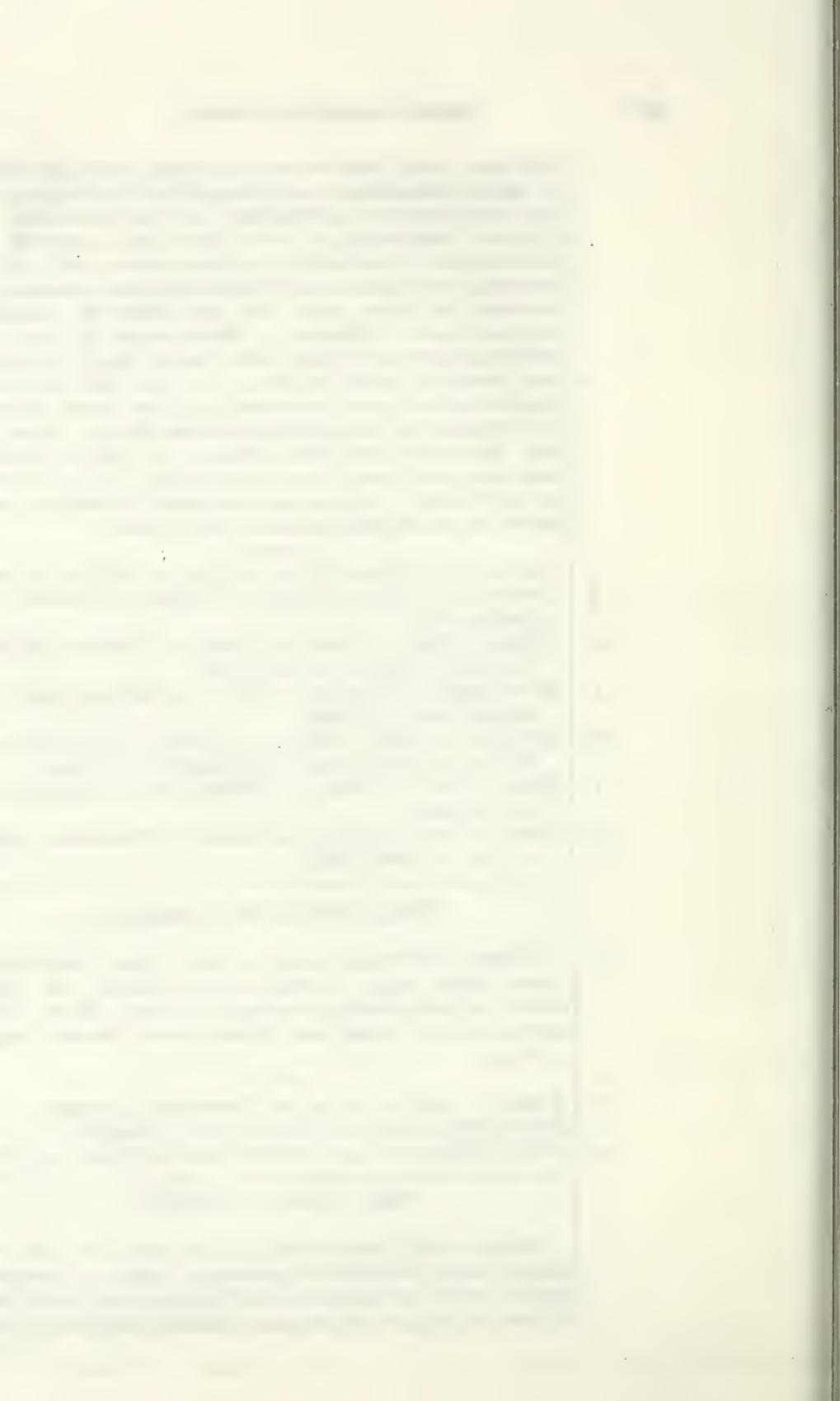
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- 2 *Martha R.*, b. May 26, 1820 ; d. June 23, 1836, æ. 16 yrs.
  - 3 *Caroline H.*, b. May 26, 1823 ; m. Ethan H. Howard ; r. Buffalo, N. Y.
  - 4 *William Henry*, b. June 10, 1826 ; d. Hudson, Mich., March 28, 1858, æ. 31 yrs., 9 mos.
  - 5 *Albert Smith*, b. Nov. 23, 1827 ; d. at Buffalo, Sept. 13, 1848, æ. 20 yrs., 9 mos.
  - 6 *George W.*, b. July 1, 1830 ; d. Le Roy, N. Y., April 22, 1854, æ. 23 yrs., 9 mos. Graduated H. C. 1849.
  - 7 *Eliza*, b. Feb. 17, 1832 ; d. Buffalo, Jan. 3, 1855, æ. 22 yrs., 10 mos.
  - 8 *Sarah*, b. Feb. 10, 1834 ; m. Joshua O. Whitcomb, June 2, 1852 ; r. New York.
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#### THE CONVERSE FAMILY.

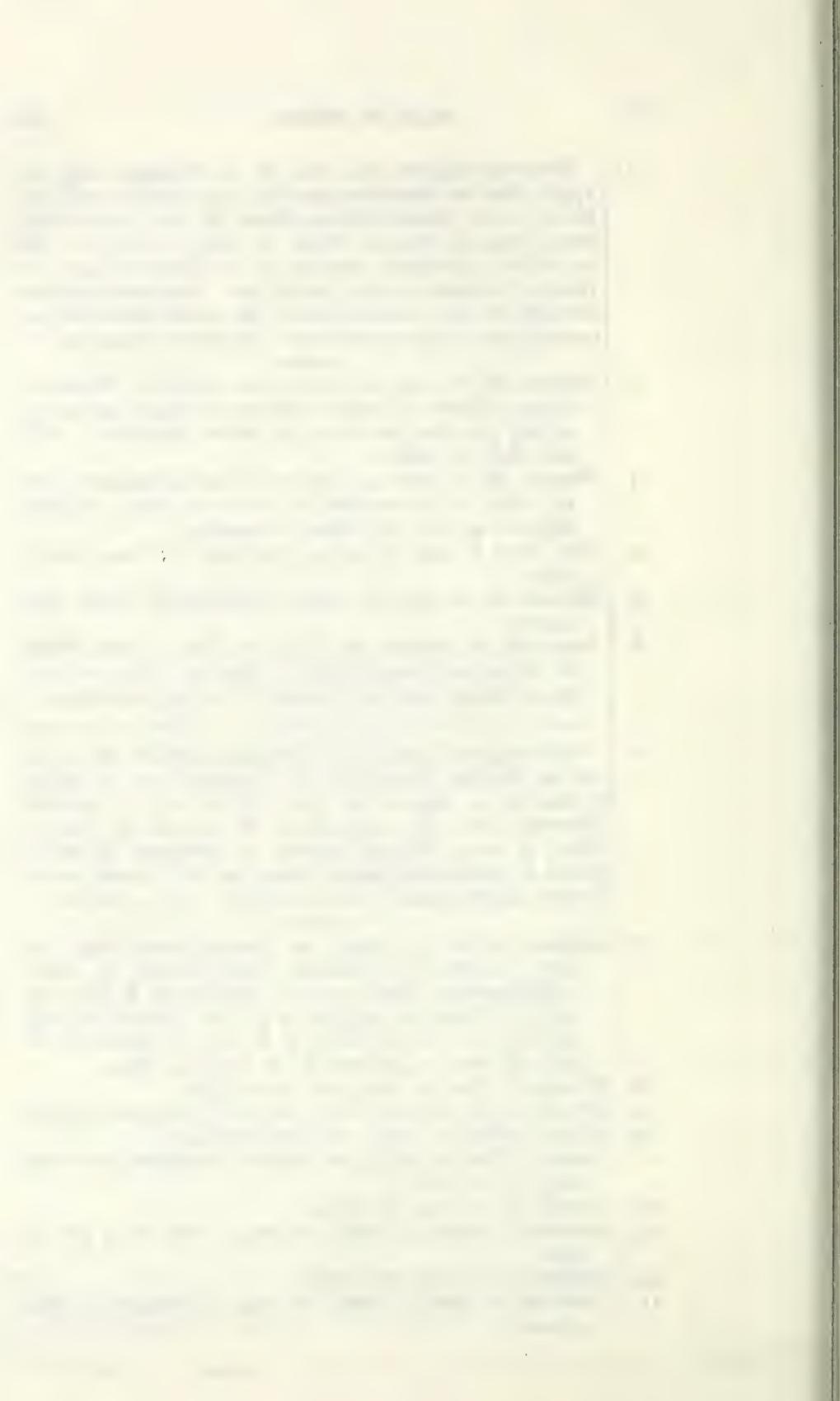
- 1 SAMUEL CONVERSE came to town from Cambridge, Mass., about 1833. A blacksmith by trade. He still resides in town, having given up his trade. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel and Betsey Stuart Turner, Sept. 1, 1835.
  - 2 *Emma*, b. April 14, 1837 ; m. Timothy M. Longley.
  - 3 *Sarah Jane*, b. Oct. 26, 1840 ; m. S. P. Longley.
  - 4 *Abby*, b. May 27, 1841 ; drowned April 27, 1843, æ. 2 yrs.
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#### THE CRAGIN FAMILY.

FRANCIS and ARCHELAUS CRAGIN were the sons of Capt. Francis and Sarah Cummings Cragin, of Temple, both of which parents were b. in Temple, and d. there ; he d. Jan. 18, 1852, æ. 79 yrs.; she d. March, 1867, æ. 93 yrs.



- 1      FRANCIS CRAGIN, Jr., was b. in Temple, Aug. 15, 1796; died in Peterborough, Nov. 23, 1866, æ. 70 yrs. He m., 1st w., Alice McKean, June, 16, 1824; b. in Windham, Aug. 28, 1796; d. Sept. 17, 1825, æ. 29 yrs. He m., 2d w., Hannah Boynton, b. in Temple, June 17, 1804; d. March 11, 1872, æ. 68 yrs. He came to Peterborough in 1832, and worked in the north cotton factory many years in the repair shop. He was a carpenter.
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- 2      *William M.*, b. Aug. 21, 1825; m. Emily L. Wilson, of Gilsum, March 29, 1860; she was b. Sept. 26, 1839; d. July 30, 1860, æ. 21 yrs., c.; 2d w., Emeline L. Wilson, May 26, 1862.
- 3      *Francis, Jr.*, b. Jan. 24, 1831; m. Eliza R. Baldwin, Oct. 24, 1854, of Greenfield, b. Oct. 6, 1831; d. July, 1872, æ. 41 yrs.; ch., Emma Florence.
- 4      *Alice Fane*, b. Aug. 17, 1834; m. John H. Vose, Jan. 1, 1857.
- 5      *Hannah M.*, b. Oct. 28, 1836; m. Samuel W. Vose, May 6, 1869.
- 6      *Samuel O.*, b. March 30, 1840; m. Jan. 1, 1870, Mary H. Ricker, of Great Falls; b. Dec. 9, 1843; r. Lawrence, Mass.; one ch., Charles S., b. Aug. 25, 1871.
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- 2      ARCHELAUS CRAGIN, b. in Temple, April 28, 1798; m., 1st w., Martha Horsely, b. in Temple, Nov. 14, 1800; d. March 31, 1852, æ. 52 yrs. He m., 2d w., Barbara Maxwell, Oct. 27, 1853; b. in Pictou, N. S., June 1, 1822; d. —, 1874, æ. 52 yrs. A carpenter by trade. Lived in south-west part of town, on Eli Upton, or old Robert Smith, place. 1st w., five ch.; 2d w., four ch.
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- 7      *Eveline*, b. Jan. 31, 1824; m. Joshua Dean, Sept. 11, 1857; he was b. in Easton, Mass., March 25, 1820; r. Bridgewater, Mass.; ch., (1) Martha F., b. June 25, 1852; d. Sept. 14, 1853, æ. 1 yr.; (2) Clarrie, b. Aug. 26, 1855; d. July 29, 1863, æ. 8 yrs.; (3) Jennie E., b. July 14, 1861; (4) Carrie E., b. Feb. 11, 1865.
- 8      †*George*, b. Dec. 2, 1825; m. Sarah Miles.
- 9      *Martha A.*, b. Sept. 20, 1829; d. Jan. 7, 1845, æ. 15 yrs.
- 10     †*John*, b. Nov. 2, 1831; m. Maria S. Ober.
- 11     *Sarah*, b. Dec. 19, 1833; m. Nelson Washburn, Nov. 20, 1855; c.; d. 1875.
- 12     *Charles T.*, b. Aug. 13, 1854.
- 13     *Edward*, b. March 8, 1857; d. Jan. 2, 1862, æ. 4 yrs., 9 mos.
- 14     *William N.*, b. Nov. 22, 1858.
- 15     *Julia M.*, b. April 5, 1866; d. Aug. 13, 1869, æ. 3 yrs., 4 mos.



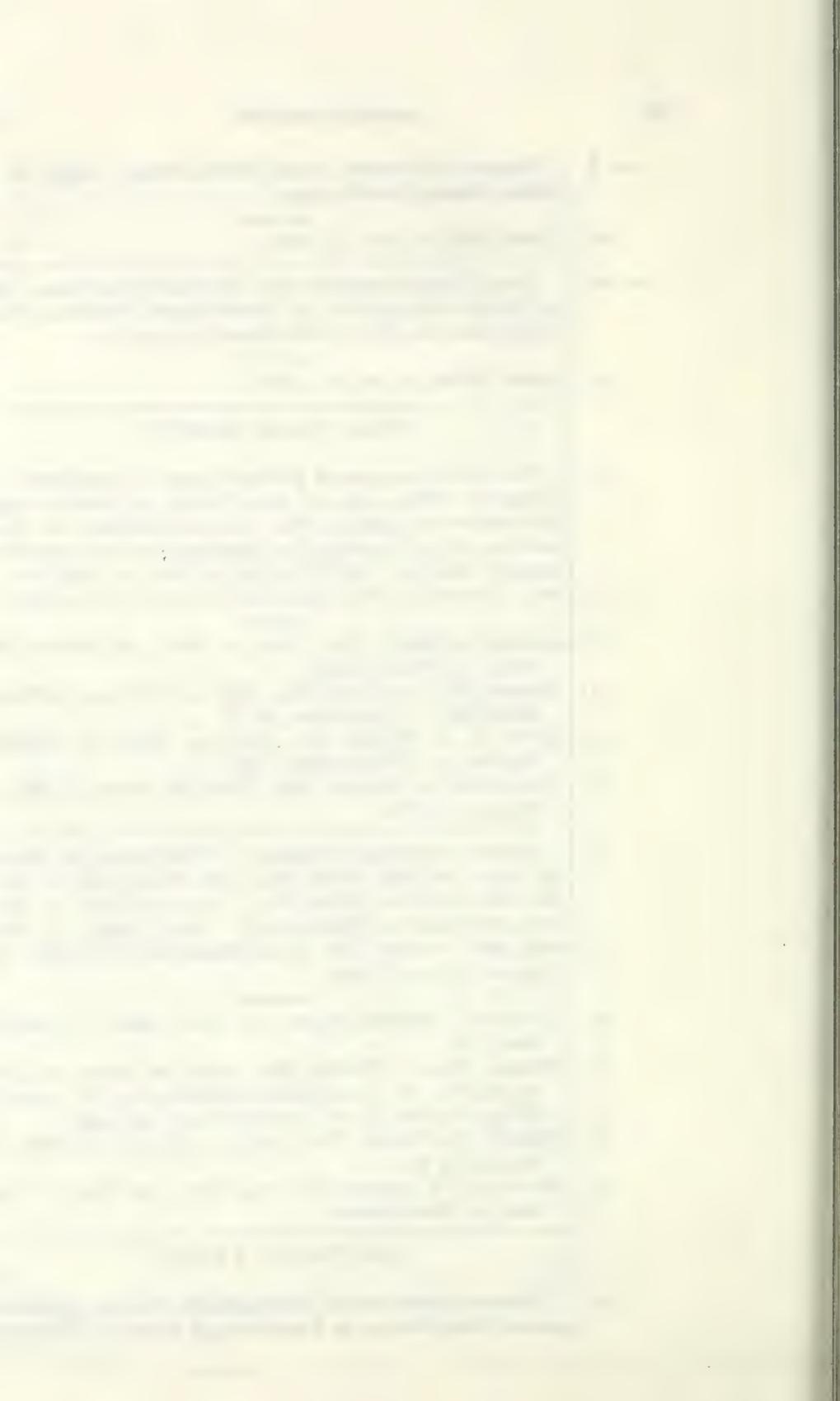
- 2- 8     GEORGE CRAGIN m. Sarah Miles, Nov. 7, 1851; b. in Salem, Mass., June 6, 1832.
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- 16     *Sarah Ella*, b. Nov. 13, 1862.
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- 2- 10    JOHN CRAGIN occupies the Thomas Upton farm. He m. Maria S. Ober, dau. of Hezekiah and Prudence Poor Ober, Dec. 16, 1858. Selectman in 1873, '4.
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- 17     *Lizzie Maria*, b. Jan. 21, 1863.
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## THE CRAM FAMILY.

- 1     NATHAN CRAM, son of Nathan Cram, of Lyndeboro, m. Elizabeth White, dau. of John White, of Peterborough. He removed to Belfast, Me. He was drowned in 1815, and his wife returned to Peterborough, and subsequently married Michael McCrillis, and d. Feb. 9, 1858, æ. 77 yrs. He was b. 1780, and d. Oct. 23, 1815, æ. 35 yrs.
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- 2     *Almira*, b. Belfast, Me., June 2, 1806; m. Rufus Forbush; r. Peterborough.
- 3     *Hannah M.*, b. Belfast, Me., July 4, 1808; m. Bowdoin McCrillis; r. Clarendon, N. Y.
- 4     *Sarah E.*, b. Belfast, Me., Oct. 20, 1810; m. William Stanley; r. Winchendon, Mass.
- 5     *Elizabeth R.*, b. Belfast, Me., Feb. 28, 1812; d. Oct. 9, 1835, æ. 23 yrs.
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- 2     JOSEPH CRAM was a brother of the above, b. March 26, 1791; m. Sally White, dau. John White, July 4, 1817. He first settled in Belfast, Me. Returned first to Hancock, and then to Peterborough. She d. Aug. 19, 1864, æ 73 yrs., 10 mos. He d. at Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 30, 1874, æ. 83 yrs., 8 mos.
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- 6     *Elizabeth*, b. Belfast, March 15, 1822; unm.; r. Brattleboro, Vt.
- 7     *Hannah Jane*, b. Waldo, Me., April 20, 1825; m. Oct. 27, 1847, B. N. Chamberlain, Brattleboro, Vt.; one ch. living, Herbert B., b. Newport, Aug. 15, 1849.
- 8     *John W.*, b. Waldo, Me., July 5, 1830; d. March 12, 1840, æ. 9 yrs.
- 9     *Harriet H.*, b. Antrim, Feb. 25, 1833; m. John P. Liscum; r. Brattleboro.
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## THE CRANE FAMILY.

- 1     HENRY CRANE was b. Milton, Mass., Feb. 22, 1758, and moved from Newton to Peterborough in 1795. He was a



paper-maker, and probably came to town to work in Samuel Smith's new mill, just then put in operation. He m., 1785, Elizabeth Thompson, dau. Dea. Robert Thompson, who d. July 10, 1808, æ. 84 yrs. They removed to Franklin late in life, and died there. He d. Aug. 3, 1829, æ. 71 yrs., 5 mos; she d. Aug. 2, 1835, æ. —.

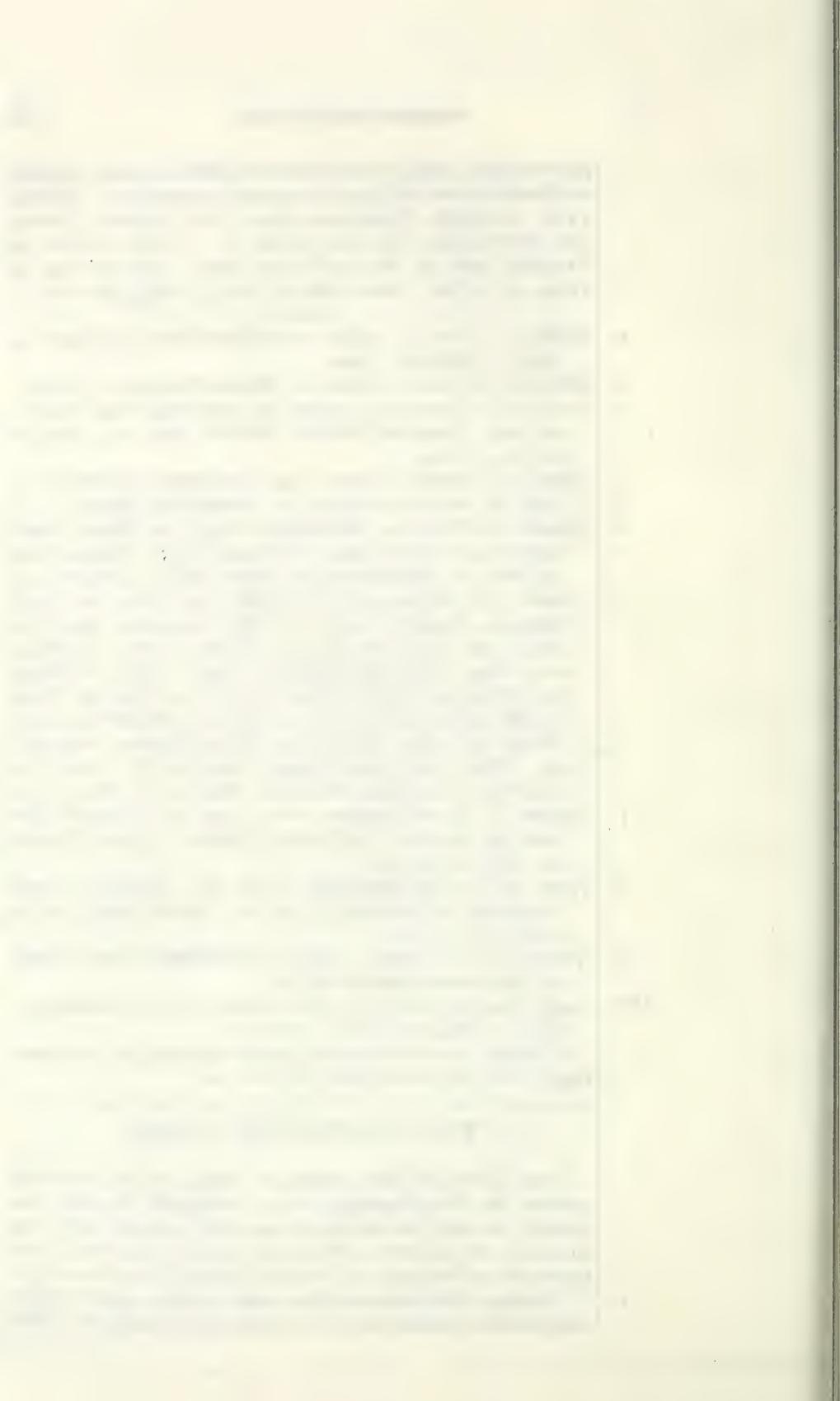
- 2 *Edith S.*, b. Oct. 2, 1786; m. William Bent; d. June 12, 1866; r. Enfield, Conn.
- 3 *Betsey T.*, b. Jan. 1, 1788; m. Moses Hayden; r. Ohio.
- 4 *Patience*, b. March 20, 1789; m., 1st hus., Wm. Bailey; 2d hus., Jonathan Marsh. She d. Aug. 13, 1850, æ. 61 yrs., 4 mos.
- 5 *Henry*, b. March 2, 1791; m. Catharine Richards; d. April 30, 1852, æ. 61 yrs.; r. Dorchester, Mass.
- 6 *Charles*, b. Newton, November, 1792; m. Betsey Buss, September, 1817; ch., (1) Ariana B., b. Milton, July 25, 1819; d. Peterborough, July 8, 1836, æ. 16 yrs., 11 mos.; (2) Augusta B., b. Dec. 14, 1821; m. Prof. Ephraim Knight, A.M., of New London, April 20, 1847; ch., Sherbert, b. Jan. 1, and d. Jan. 27, 1850, æ. 27 dys.; Carl Ephraim, b. May 6, 1851; William M., b. May 20, 1855; Mabel Adele, b. April 17, 1859; d. July 25, 1871, æ. 12 yrs., 2 mos.; (3) Charles T., b. March 28, 1823; m. Oct. 10, 1850, Jerusha Johnson; ch., Flora M., Julia Buss, George F., Allen O. Charles d. at Milton, May 18, 1824, æ. 31 yrs.
- 7 *Robert T.*, b. in Newton, —, 1794; m. Miriam Sanborn, of Franklin; had nine children. He d. March 20, 1845, æ. 51 yrs.
- 8 *Isaac*, b. in Peterborough, May 20, 1796; m. Louis Greenleaf, of Salisbury; five ch. He d. Nov. 7, 1857, æ. 61 yrs., 5 mos.
- 9 *Jeremiah S.*, b. June 4, 1798; a blacksmith; went South and has never been heard of.
- 10 *Sally Jane*, b. June 17, 1800; unm.; d. in Dorchester, Feb. 4, 1862, æ. 61 yrs., 7 mos.  
Children born before the family removed to Peterborough, and who never lived in town:—

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### THE CUNINGHAM FAMILY.

The history of this important family among the early settlers of Peterborough, must necessarily be very imperfect, as but few materials for this purpose are to be found in any quarter. We suppose they emigrated from the north of Ireland, and were of Scotch-Irish descent.

- 1 THOMAS CUNINGHAM, the name always spelt by the early settlers with one n, as here spelt, came to Peter-



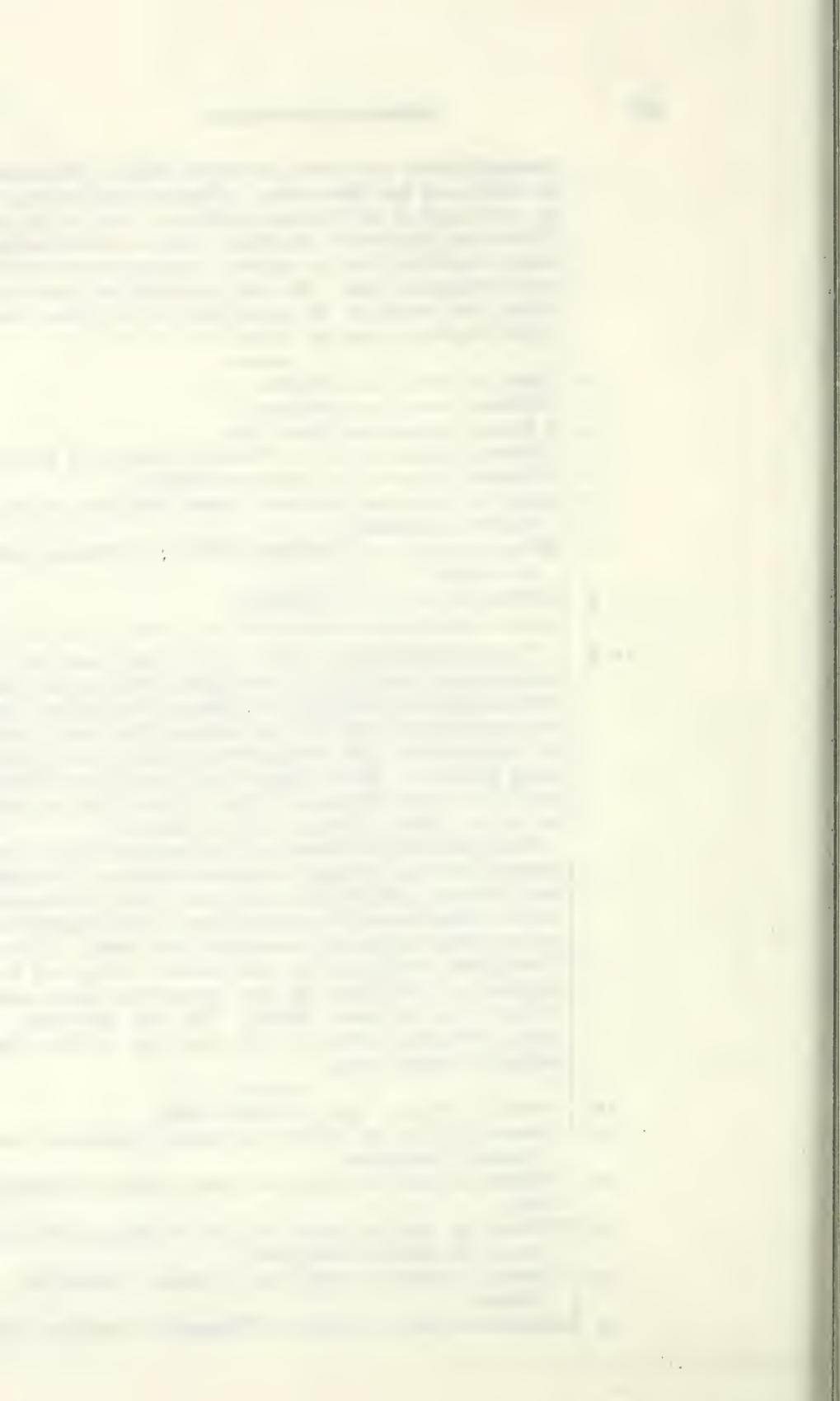
borough about —— from Townsend, Mass. He was b. in 1706, and had two wives. Elizabeth, the 1st w., was b. 1706, and d. in Townsend, May 17, 1748, æ. 42 yrs. The 2d w., Elizabeth Creighton, came to Peterborough, and d. April 22, 1805, æ. 99 yrs. We are uncertain when he first came to town. He lived near the Dea. John Field place, just north, on the same side of the street road. He d. Sept. 23, 1790, æ. 84 yrs.

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- 2 *Dohn*, b. —— ; re. to Maine.
  - 3 *William*, —— ; re. to Maine.
  - 4 †*James*, b. 1744 ; m. Mary Nay.
  - 5 †*Samuel*, b. July, 1739 ; m. Susan M. Carter, of Hollis.
  - 6 *Elizabeth*, b. —— ; m. Alexander Robbe.
  - 7 *Mary*, b. —— ; m., 1st hus., James McKean ; 2d hus., Samuel Treadwell.
  - 8 *Moses*, b. 1751 ; m. Elizabeth Miller ; he d. Oct. 25, 1822, æ. 71 yrs.
  - 9 *Thomas*, b. —— ; re. to Maine.
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I- 4 JAMES CUNINGHAM lived in the east part of the town, directly west of the Cunningham Pond, on the place afterwards occupied by his son James. We do not know the precise time when he first occupied this farm, probably not far from 1770, though he had lived in town some years previous. He m. Mary Nay, dau. of Dea. William and Mary Ecles Brownlee McNee. He d. Oct. 29, 1826, æ. 82 yrs. She d. Jan. 31, 1811, æ. 66 yrs.

Not a single inhabitant of this name and race now remains in town, and only a few descendants. The name was formerly spelled Kinacum, and, thus pronounced, was in common use in our early days. It is a name that occurs often in the early records of the town. Thomas Cunningham, the father, was selectman in 1763, and tithingman in 1764 ; but his son James was much more employed in the town affairs. He was selectman in 1775, tithingman 1774, '80, '83, and one of the Committee of Safety 1779.

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- 10 *Sarah*, b. Dec. 11, 1771 ; m. Paul Hale.
  - 11 *Thomas*, b. Oct. 26, 1773 ; m. Susan Cunningham, dau. Samuel Cunningham.
  - 12 *William*, b. May 18, 1775 ; m. Susan Carter, Northport, Me.
  - 13 †*James*, b. April 27, 1777 ; m., 1st w., Hannah Porter ; 2d w., Sarah M. Cunningham.
  - 14 *Samuel*, b. June 22, 1779 ; m. Dorothy Bachelder ; r. Maine.
  - 15 *Elizabeth*, b. May 2, 1783 ; m. Thomas F. Goodhue, June



2, 1808; ch., (1) Elizabeth; (2) Thomas; (3) Jane; (4) Charles.

16 *Robert*, b. Nov. 2, 1785; m.; re. to Canada.

17 *John*, b. ——.

1- 5 SAMUEL CUNINGHAM (Capt.) was the most distinguished of this family. It is related, in a note in\* Mr. Dunbar's sketch of Peterborough, that Thomas Cunningham (son of Old Mose, so called) and Samuel Cunningham were out in the French war in 1756, when he was only seventeen years old, and that in Rodgers' fight, March 13, 1758, he and Alexander Robbe only escaped, while seven men from Peterborough were slain. He was a stern patriot in the times of the Revolution, and served his country faithfully; but just how long or much we are unable to say. We have no means of accurately tracing his military career. He was among those who volunteered on the alarm of the Lexington battle, April 19, 1775. He was a captain in the Revolutionary service, and was with the army in Rhode Island in 1778. He was a lieutenant in a company raised in Peterborough and New Ipswich to resist the progress of Burgoyne, and joined the army at Bennington, Vt. When the company in their course had fallen into an ambuscade of the tories, Cunningham's coolness saved it.† "With the voice of a lion he called out to one of the officers to bring up a body of five hundred men to flank the enemy; at which the tories fled, leaving behind them all their baggage and plunder, and an open and unmolested road to the main army. In this encounter, Hon. Jeremiah Smith, then a private, and several others were wounded." He held many offices in town; was selectman in 1768, '76, '79, '81; town clerk 1783, '84, '85, '86; and representative to the legislature in 1786. He m. Susan Carter, of Hollis, in 1774. He lived on the place afterwards occupied by Capt. Robert Swan, in the east part of the town. Late in life he re. to Belfast, Me., and d. there. He d. February, 1828, æ. 89 yrs. She d. October, 1842, æ. 86 yrs., b. June 27, 1756.

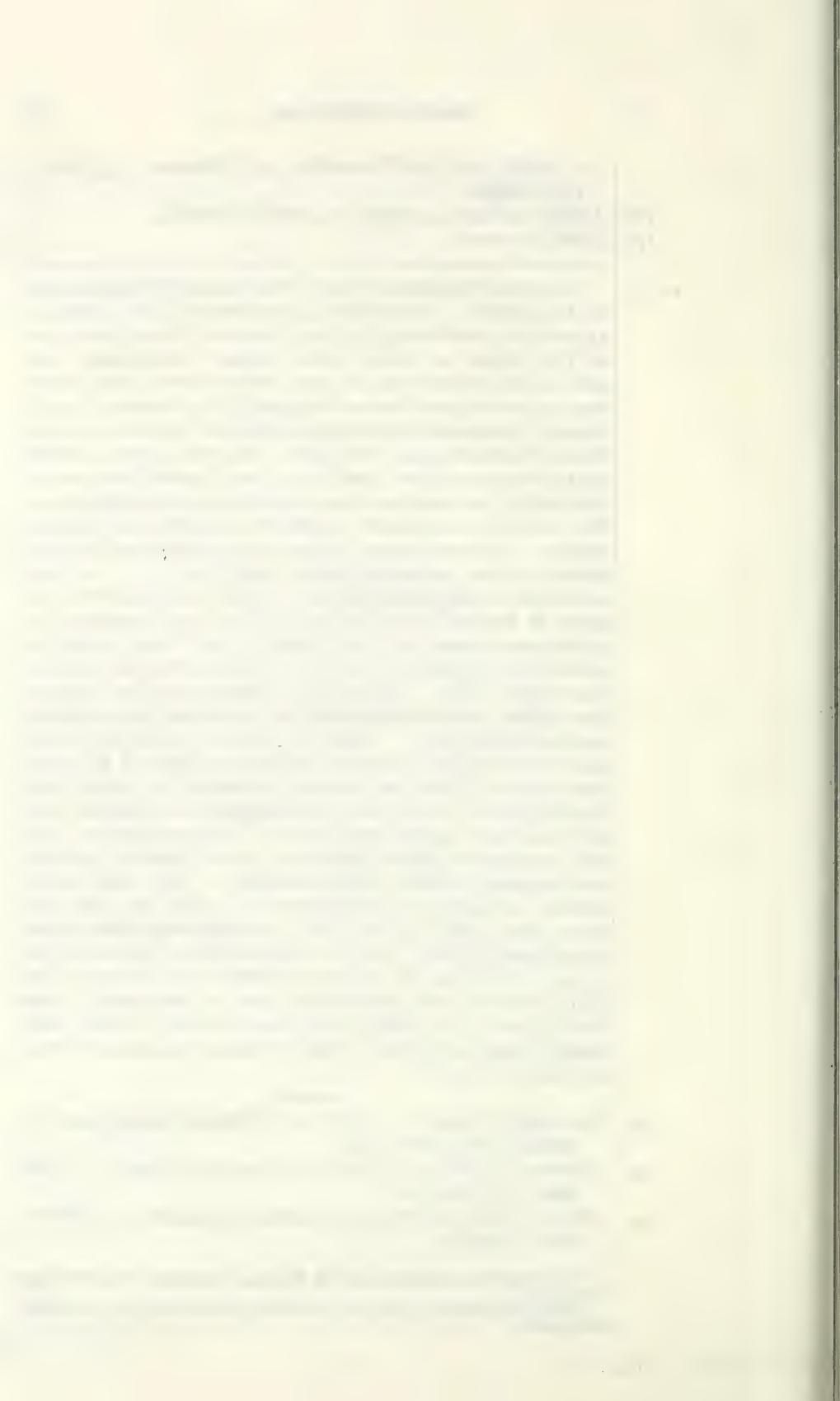
18 *Susanna*, b. April 1, 1778; m. Thomas Cunningham; d. Belfast, Me.; seven ch.

19 *Thomas*, b. Feb. 10, 1780; m. Charlotte Elwell; d. Belfast, Me.; five ch.

20 *Mary*, b. Feb. 6, 1782; m. Samuel Jackson; d. Belfast, Me.; four ch.

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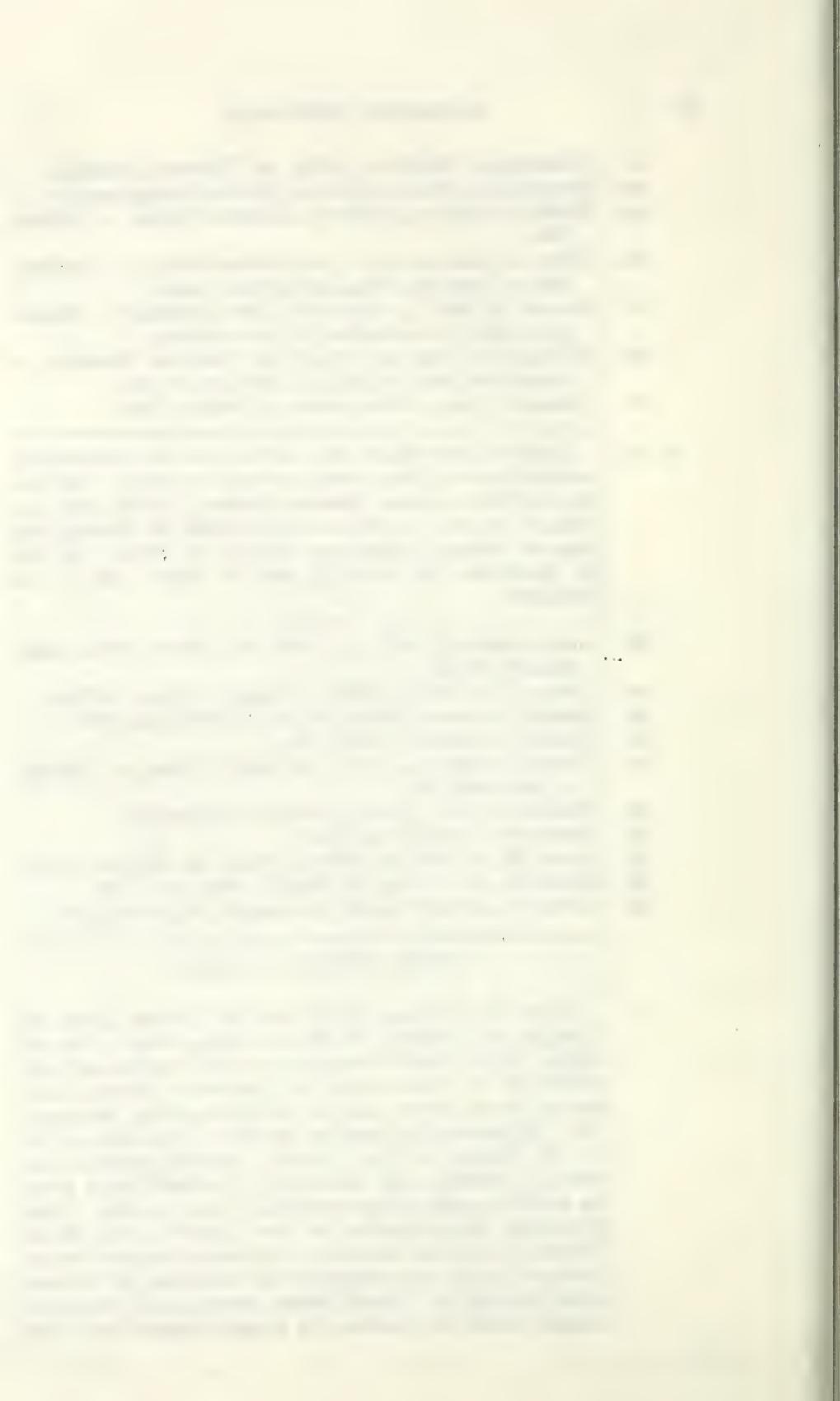
- 21 *Elizabeth*, b. March 15, 1784; m. Thomas Caldwell.  
 22 *Sarah M.*, b. May 4, 1786; m. James Cunningham, Jr.  
 23 *Rachel*, b. May 10, 1788; m. Zacheus Porter; r. Belfast, Me.  
 24 *Jane*, b. June 10, 1790; m. Hudson Bishop; r. Belfast, Me.; d. Jan. 21, 1874, æ. 84 yrs., 7 mos.  
 25 *Samuel*, b. Nov. 5, 1792; m. Eliza Dummer; r. Bucksport, Me.; d. November, 1870, æ. 78 yrs.  
 26 *William*, b. June 17, 1795; m. Charlotte Nesmith; r. Montville, Me.; d. Sept. 9, 1871, æ. 76 yrs.  
 27 *James*, b. Jan. 5, 1800; unm.; d. Belfast, Me.
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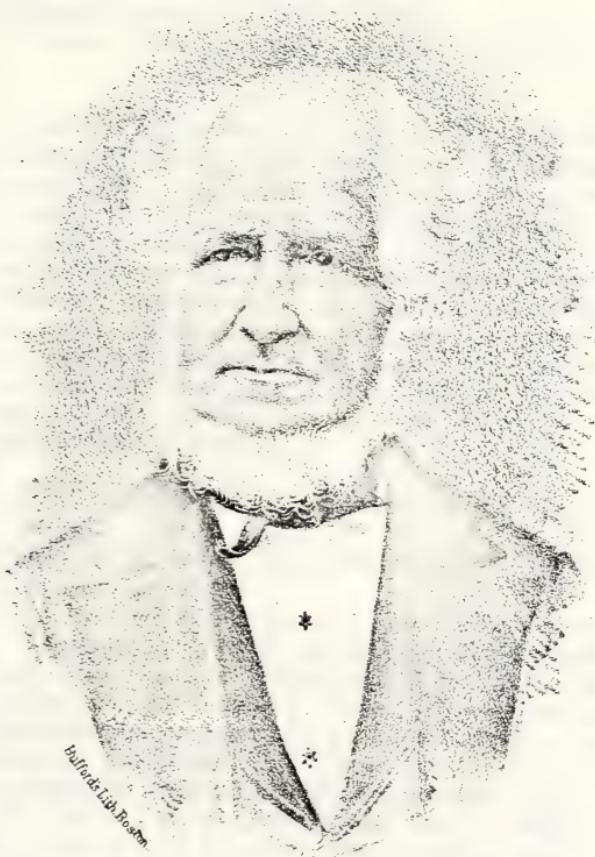
4- 13 JAMES CUNINGHAM, Jr., settled on the homestead, and took care of his parents in their last days. He m., 1st w., May 6, 1802, Hannah Porter. She d. July 10, 1804, æ. 25 yrs.; c. Hem., 2d w., Sarah M. Cunningham, dau. of Samuel Cunningham, March 20, 1806. He re. to Rockford, Ill., in 1835, and d. there. She d. at Rockford.

- 28 *Isaac Newton*, b. July 14, 1806; m. Nancy White, dau. Robert White.  
 29 *James P.*, b. July 9, 1808; d. June 6, 1836, æ. 28 yrs.  
 30 *Samuel*, b. ——, 1810; d. Aug. 5, 1813, æ. 3 yrs.  
 31 *Thomas*, b. March 7, 1813; m.  
 32 *Samuel*, b. Aug. 15, 1815; m. Emily Cutter, of Jaffrey; r. Rockford, Ill.  
 33 *William*, b. Nov. 5, 1817; went to California.  
 34 *Benjamin F.*, b. Feb. 3, 1820.  
 35 *Sarah H.*, b. Sept. 14, 1822; d. Sept. 10, 1835, æ. 13 yrs.  
 36 *Rachel*, b. ——, 1824; d. Sept. 8, 1826, æ. 2 yrs.  
 37 *George F.*, b. July 1, 1827; d. Aug. 8, 1831, æ. 5 yrs.
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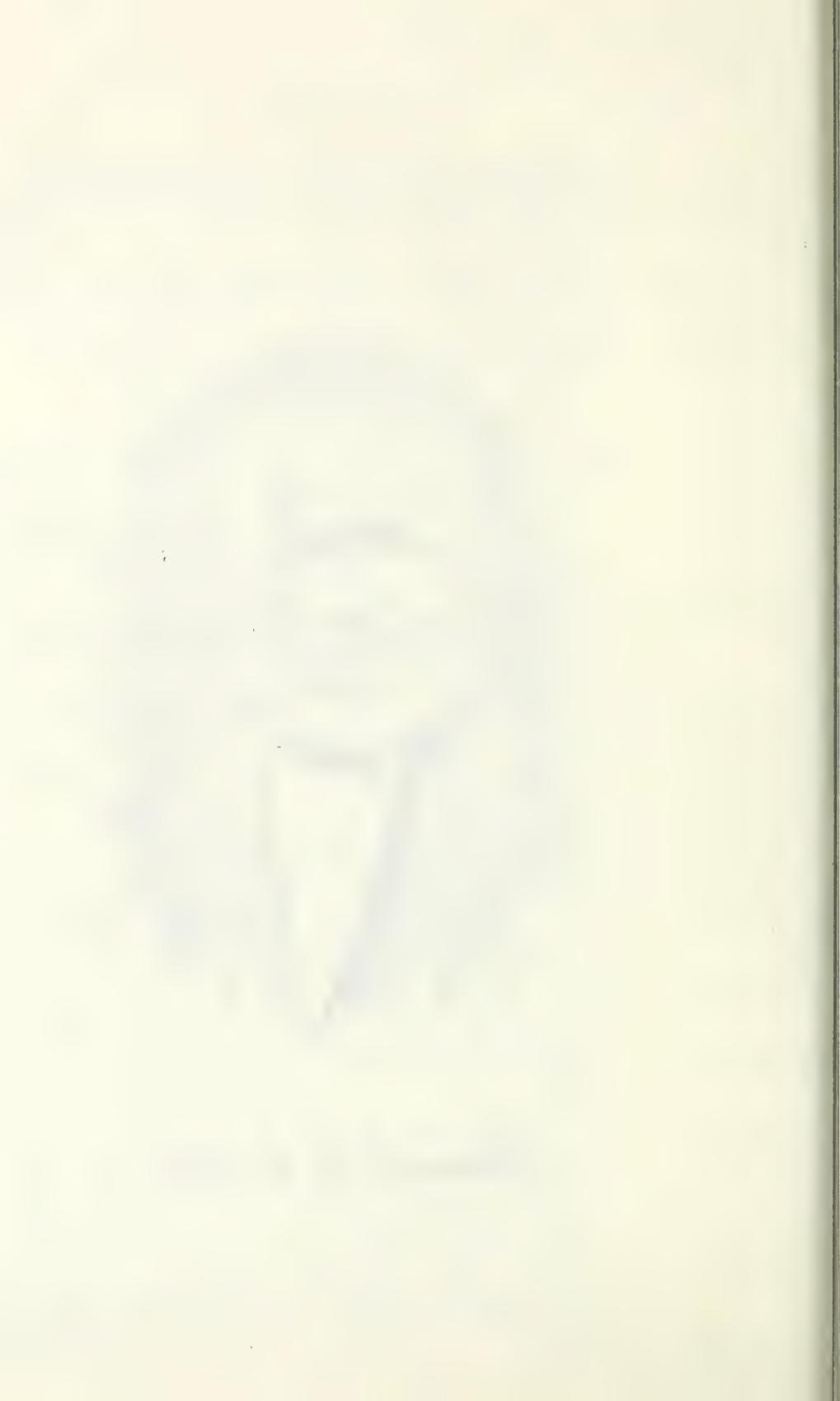
### THE CUTLER FAMILY.

- 1 JOHN H. CUTLER, M. D., son of Charles Cutler, of Rindge, and Melinda Wright, of Ashby, was b. Feb. 16, 1834. He received his education at the common and high schools of his native town, the Merrimack Normal Institute at Reed's Ferry, and at the Westminster Seminary, Vt. He pursued his medical studies in the office of Dr. O. H. Bradley, of East Jaffrey; attended medical lectures at Pittsfield and Burlington, at which latter place he took his medical degree of M.D., June 9, 1861. After practising his profession in New Ipswich and Mason Village, he entered the army as assistant surgeon in the spring of 1864, and remained till the close of the war. After leaving the United States service, and looking at several fields for practice, he located himself in Peter-





Daniel B. Cutter



borough, in the fall of 1865, and has resided here since ; m., June 6, 1865, Martha Louise Ryan, b. in Sharon, Nov. 30, 1845.

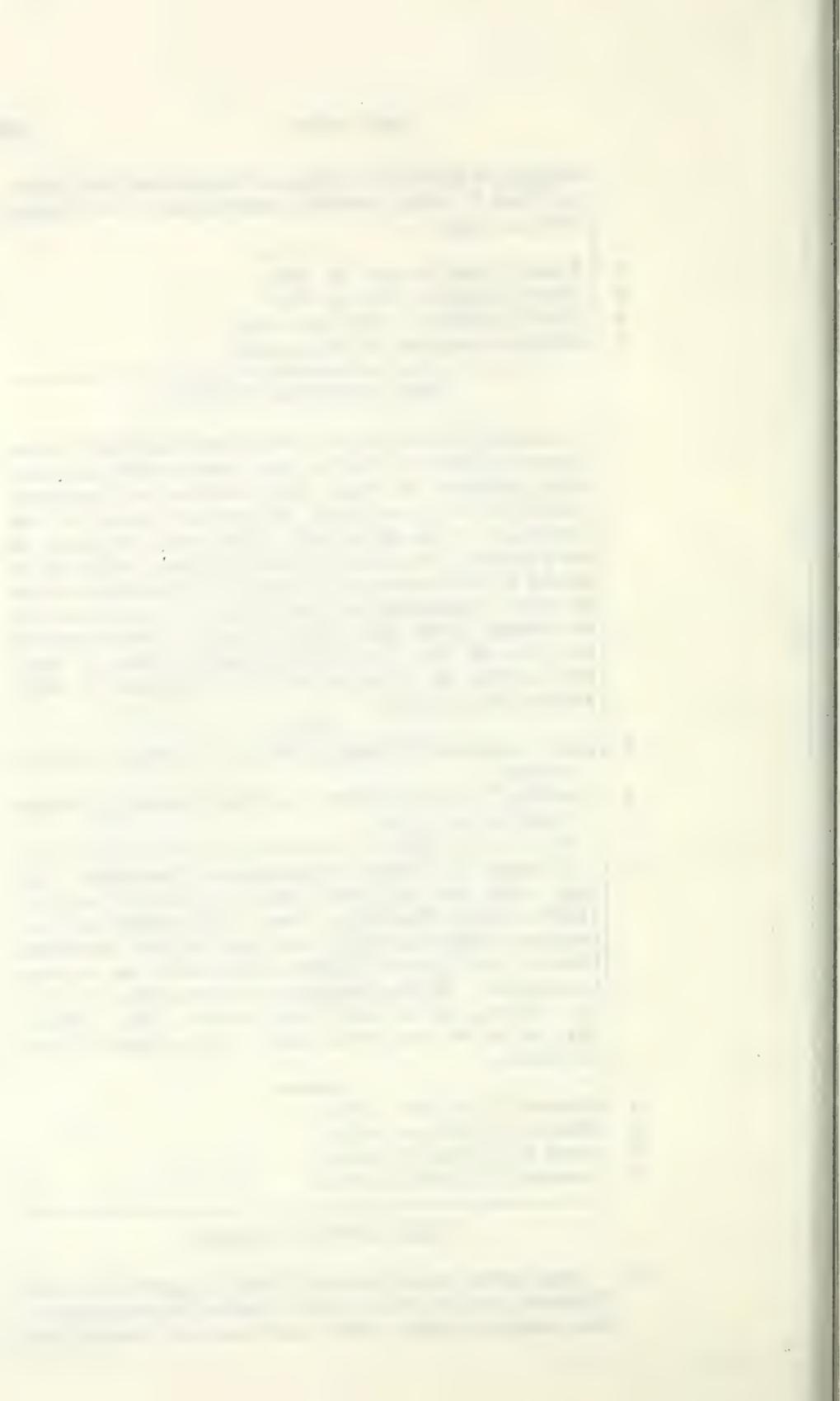
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- 2 *Samuel Ryan*, b. April 29, 1866.  
 3 *Charles Henry*, b. Sept 9, 1867.  
 4 *Castella Melinda*, b. Nov. 21, 1869.  
 5 *Martha Evangeline*, b. Oct. 20, 1875.
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### THE CUTTER FAMILY.

- 1 DANIEL B. CUTTER, (Dr.) son of Daniel and Sally Jones Cutter, of Jaffrey, b. May 10, 1808, came to town as a practising physician in 1837. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1833, and took his medical degree at Yale College, New Haven, in 1835. He spent two years in the practice of medicine at Ashby, Mass., before he removed to Peterborough. He has held important offices in town ; moderator for 1848, '49, '50; representative to General Court, 1852. He m., 1st w., Clementine Parker, dau. of Hon. Asa Parker, Jaffrey, Dec. 8, 1835 ; she d. Aug. 28, 1870 ; 2d w., Mrs. Tryphena T. Richardson, Dec. 5, 1872.
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- 2 *Lucia Antoinette*, b. Sept. 7, 1836 ; d. July 25, 1854, æ. 18 yrs.  
 3 *Isabella P.*, b. July 6, 1847 ; m. Albert Noone ; d. March 16, 1871, æ. 23 yrs.
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- 2 EDWARD S. CUTTER, a graduate of Dartmouth College, 1844, son of Daniel and Sally Jones Cutter, of Jaffrey, was b. March 27, 1822. He studied law, and practised his profession in town until he was appointed Clerk of the Court of Hillsboro Co., when he removed to Amherst. He was moderator in town, 1852, '56, '57, '58. He m., 1st w., Janet Swan, May 21, 1850. She d. 1873, æ. 42 yrs.; m., 2d w., Dec. 21, 1874, Sarah A. Lord, of Boston.
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- 4 *Edward F.*, b. July 5, 1855.  
 5 *Henry A.*, b. Oct. 27, 1857.  
 6 *Anna L.*, b. June 13, 1863.  
 7 *Leonard T.*, b. Nov. 3, 1871.
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### THE DAVIS FAMILY.

- 1 ASA DAVIS, son of Asa and Lydia Laughon Davis, of Hancock, was b. Oct. 7, 1806, received his education at the common schools, which were then very limited, and

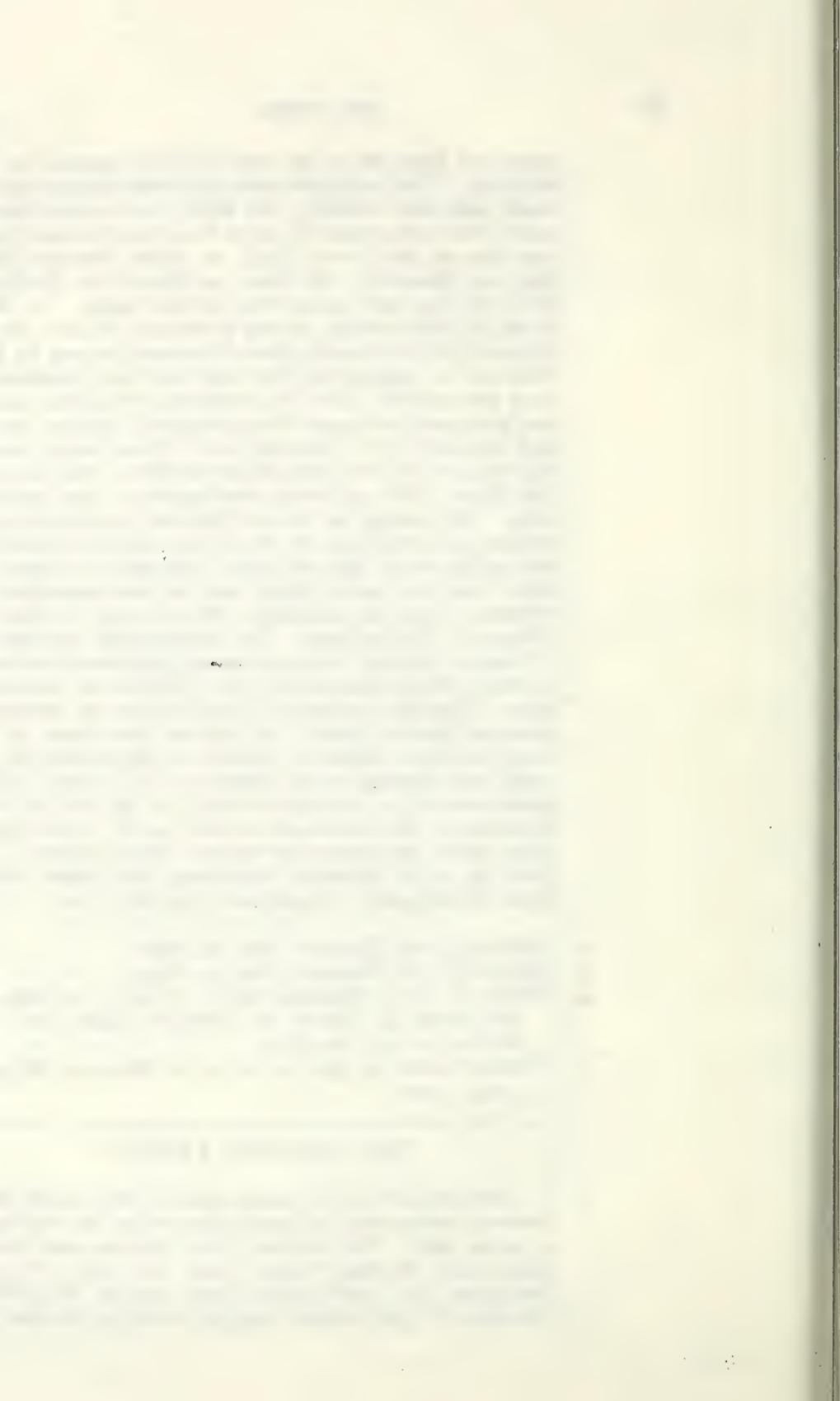


spent his early life on the farm with his parents to his majority. The first three years after were spent in stone work and road building; the first year in stone work, and in the subsequent two years he contracted and built ten miles of the Forest Road, so called, between Marlboro and Hancock. He then purchased the Bradford Mills in 1833, and carried them on six years. In 1839 he re. to Peterborough, having purchased of Gen. James Wilson a half of the old grist-mill formerly owned by Job Hill, and in partnership with him built the granite-mill as it now stands. After its erection it was fitted up in the best possible manner for grinding all kinds of grain, and especially for a flouring-mill. It was soon, under his care, one of the best establishments of the kind in the State. The adjoining dwelling-house was built in 1841. He carried on this mill for nine years with great success and reputation, so that it was resorted to from all this region which imposed upon him such a degree of labor that his health failed, and he was compelled to withdraw from the business. He sold out in 1848 to Thayer & Buckminster. He commenced trading in "Powers Building" in 1848, having purchased the same in 1846, which business he still continues at the same place. He also carries on a large business in quarrying stone on Granite Street. He lives on Pine Street, in the house south of Albert S. Scott's, on same side of the road, and opposite to the house of F. A. Tarbell; Representative 1854; Selectman 1856, '57, '58, '66, '67, '68; Overseer of the Poor eight or nine years; Road Agent nine years, and also many minor offices in town. m., Dec. 15, 1831, Permelia Washburn, dau. John Washburn, of Hancock; b. Lempster, June 28, 1810.

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- 2 Adelia A.**, b. in Hancock, Oct. 19, 1832.
  - 3 Anna M.**, b. in Hancock, Dec. 14, 1833.
  - 4 Wilbur E.**, b. in Hancock, March 7, 1838; m. Aug. 19, 1864, Ann E. Carson, of Chicopee, Mass., one ch., Marion, b. Aug. 26, 1875.
  - 5 Charlie Freddie**, b. April 10, 1850; d. Sept. 13, 1853, æ. 3 yrs., 5 mos.
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#### THE DAVISON FAMILY.

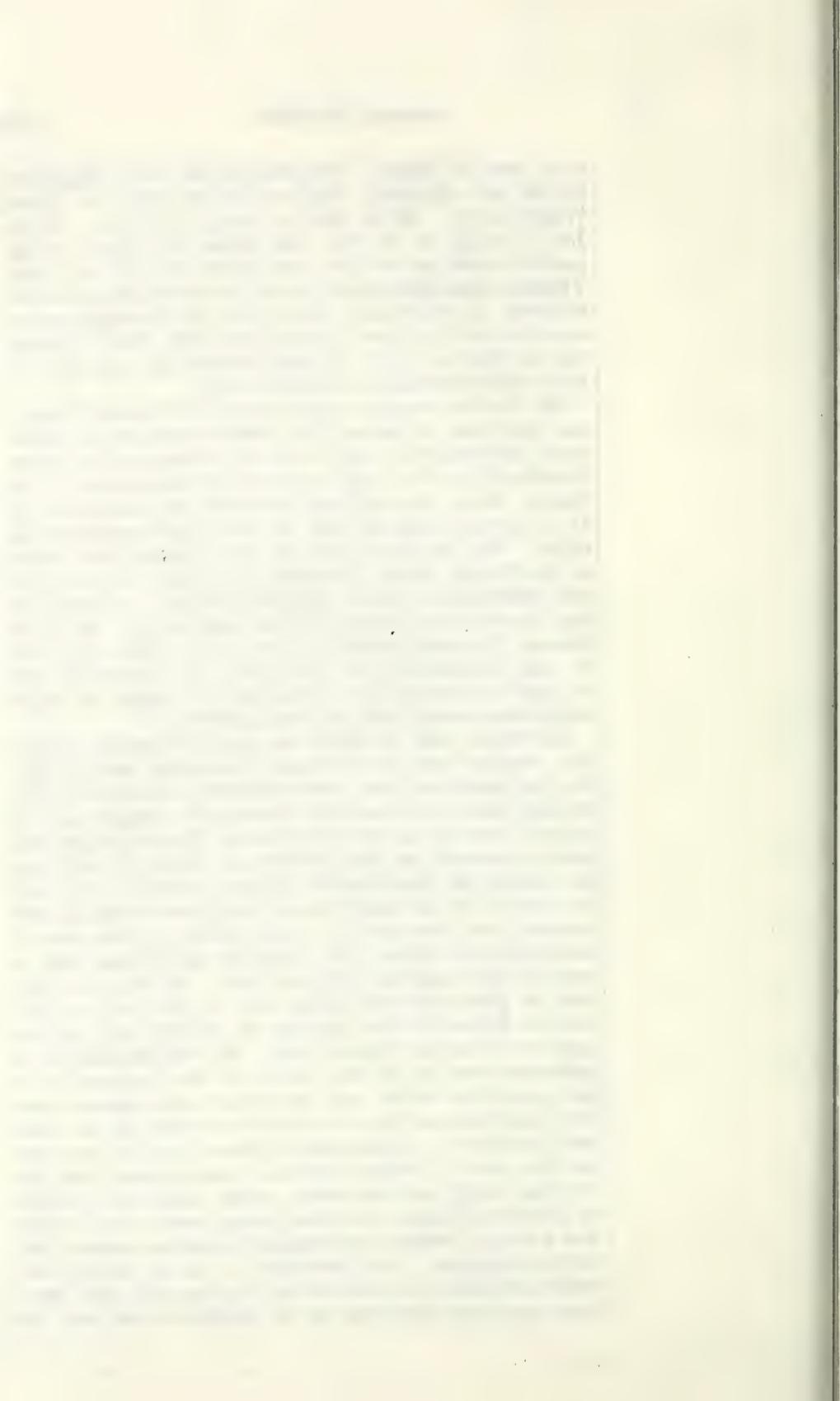
- 1 THOMAS DAVISON** (Deacon) came to this country from Ireland, and settled in Londonderry when he was quite a young man. His brother, John Davison, and his father-in-law, Matthew Wright, came with him when he emigrated to Peterborough, and settled in Jaffrey. Matthew Wright's oldest daughter is said to be the first



child born in Jaffrey. Deacon Davison had a large family of ten children. He was b. in 1727; m. Anna Wright, 1757. He d. April 11, 1813, æ. 86 yrs. She d. Jan. 4, 1823, æ. 88 yrs. He began the place in the south-western part of the town where he lived and died. There is some uncertainty as to the precise time he came to town. It must have been after his marriage, which occurred not far from 1757, as the first child, Thomas, was b. Dec. 20, 1758. It was probably in 1757 that he took up his permanent residence here.

Mr. Davison was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and his name is among the remonstrants to Mr. Dunbar's settlement in 1799; but he subsequently joined his church in 1802, and retained his connection till his death. As to his religious character we know nothing. It is supposed that he met all the requirements of his office. Mr. Dunbar, April 12, 1813, makes this record in the Church Book: Attended the funeral of the aged and venerable Deacon Thomas Davison; preached at the house of the deceased from Luke 2d ch., 29. 30 vs. Deacon Davison's name appears on the Town Records in 1764 as Deer-keeper (what was his function?), and in 1778 as one of the Committee of Safety, an office which none could hold but tried patriots.

He was a man of much energy of character, and by his industry and perseverance succeeded well in life. He first purchased one hundred acres of land, and after making some improvements upon it, he bought land in Jaffrey, near the south-west corner of Peterborough, and built a saw-mill on the Contoocook River, probably on the spot of the Chamberlain Mills, so called. This mill he carried on for many years, going from home in the morning and returning in the evening, a distance of more than two miles. He gave his sons farms, and to most of his daughters he gave land. To his son William he gave the home farm, and all the land west of Deacon Robert Smith's farm to the Jaffrey line, and the land south to the Sharon line. He was considered a temperate man in his day, and it is not supposed that he transmitted tastes and appetites to his descendants that have resulted in the ruin of so many of his sons and grandsons. It has been supposed that the tendency to this vice in Deacon Davison's family came from the maternal side, and was owing to the injurious influence of Matthew Wright upon the young men. Mr. Wright was a man of superior talents and attractive powers, but very intemperate. He professed to be an infidel, and wished everybody he met to be like himself. His opinions were very abhorrent to the people of his day. It



was said that, on the day of his death, he called his son Francis to his bedside and said : "When I am dead, I want you to *tak* the big jug and gang down to New Ipswich and get it filled with rum, and when I am buried give the poor divils all the rum they want." We are indebted to George W. Moore, of Medina, Mich., for most of the above.

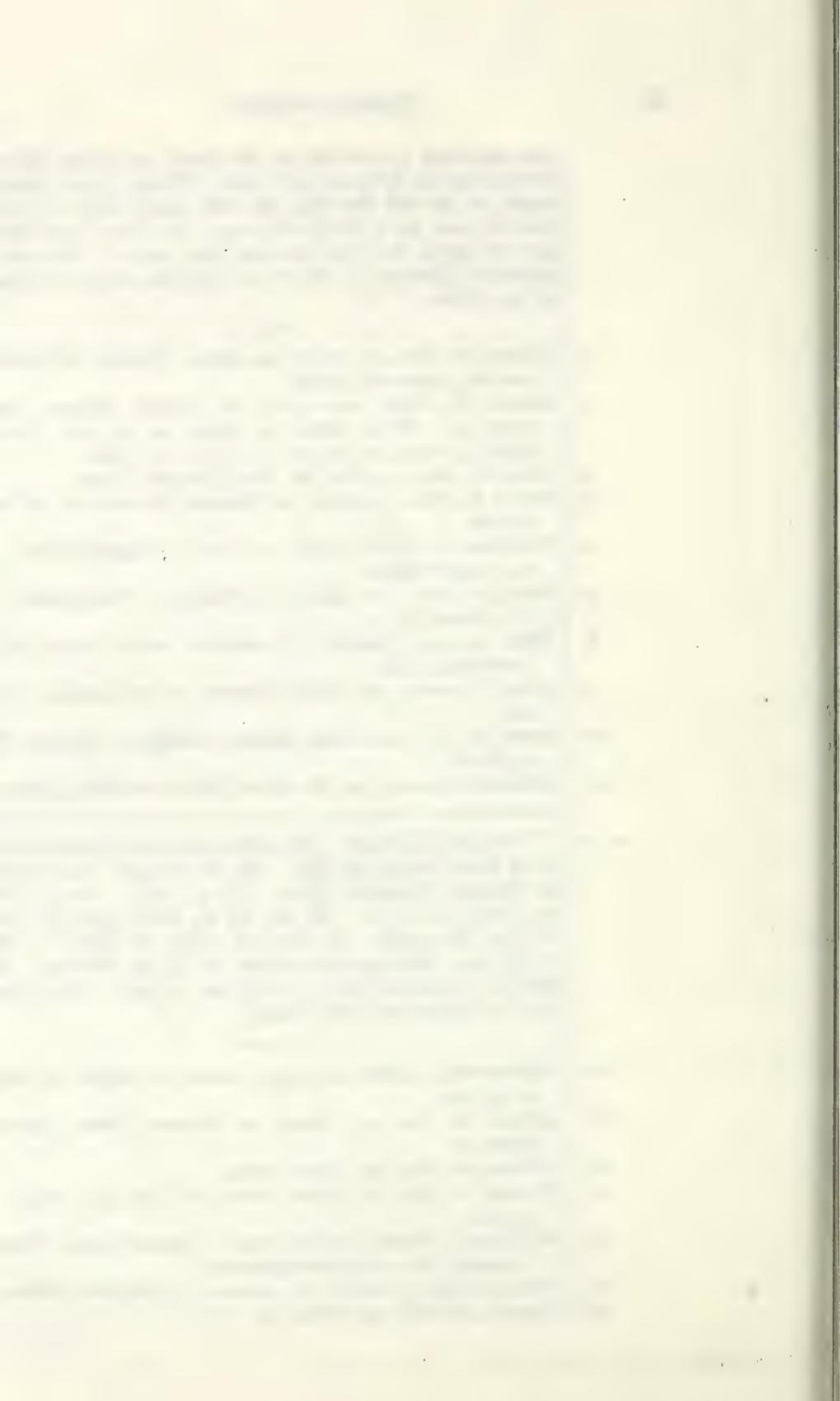
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- 2 *Thomas*, b. Dec. 20, 1758 ; m. Betsey Pierce, of Dublin ; two ch., Asa and Jonas.
  - 3 *Charles*, b. Sept. 10, 1760 ; m. Abigail Evans, June, 1785 ; c. He d. Dec. 31, 1831, æ. 71 yrs. She d. April 4, 1842, æ. 74 yrs. ; b. Sept. 15, 1768.
  - 4 *Mary*, b. May 2, 1762 ; m. Maj. Jotham Hoar.
  - 5 *Sarah*, b. Feb. 15, 1766 ; m. Samuel Patrick, of Jaffrey ; six ch.
  - 6 † *William*, b. Feb. 6, 1768 ; m., 1st w., Abigail Hunt ; 2d w., Jane Wright.
  - 7 *Betsey*, b. —— ; m. Dr. —— Frisby ; r. Phelpstown, N. Y. ; three ch.
  - 8 *John*, b. —— ; was in U. S. service, war of 1812 ; d. at Lewiston, N.Y.
  - 9 *Robert*, b. —— ; m. Dolly Phelps ; re. to Canada ; nine ch.
  - 10 *Anna*, b. —— ; m. Capt. Alpheus Dodge ; r. Derby, Vt. ; eight ch.
  - 11 *Hannah*, b. —— ; m. Dr. Ezra Clark ; re. West ; two ch.
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1-6 WILLIAM DAVISON. He settled on the homestead and lived there during his life. He m. Abigail Hunt, sister to Deacon Timothy Hunt, July 9, 1795. She d. Feb. 29, 1796, æ. 24 yrs. He m., 2d w., Nov. 15, 1798, Jane Wright, his cousin, b. Nov. 18, 1777 ; d. April 1, 1860, æ. 82 yrs. She was the mother of all his children. He died of a cancer Jan. 29, 1838, æ. 70 yrs. The farm is yet in possession of the family.

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- 12 *Matthew W.*, b. Feb. 27, 1799 ; unm. ; d. Sept. 25, 1835, æ. 36 yrs.
- 13 *Abigail*, b. Jan. 27, 1802 ; m. Moses Cutter Jaffrey ; three ch.
- 14 *Thomas*, b. Aug. 28, 1806 ; unm.
- 15 *Francis*, b. Sept. 6, 1808 ; unm. ; d. Oct. 31, 1832, æ. 25 yrs.
- 16 *William*, b. Sept. 9, 1810 ; unm. ; in poorhouse, Branch County, Mich., by intemperance.
- 17 *John*, b. Dec. 3, 1812 ; m. —— ; r. Holyoke, Mass.
- 18 *Charles*, b. Feb. 19, 1816 ; d.



- 19 *Calvin*, b. Nov. 16, 1818; unm.; d. May 7, 1850, æ. 31 yrs.  
 20 *Fane*, b. Jan. 25, 1821; m. —— Nichols; d. about 1848.
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### THE DAY FAMILY.

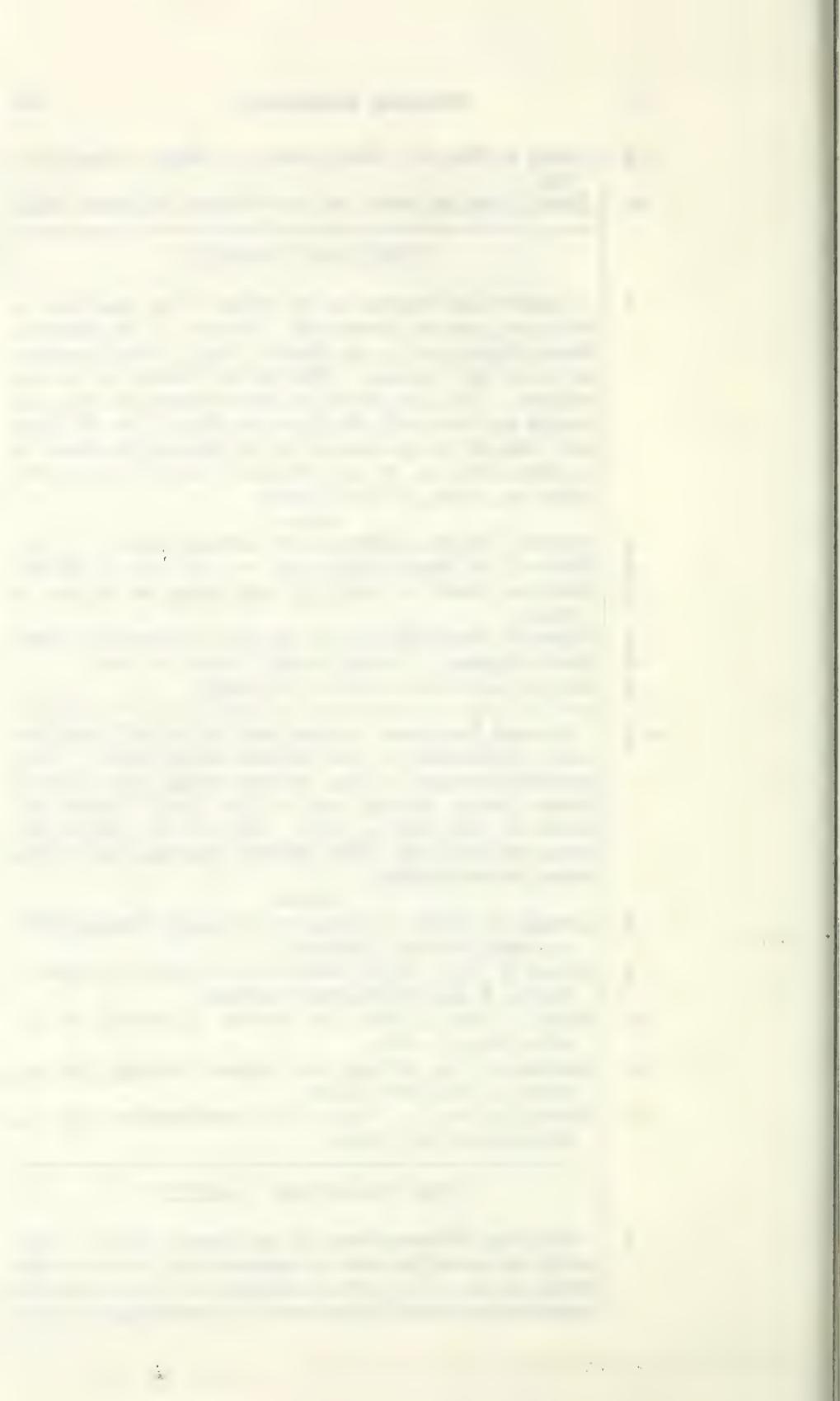
- 1 JOSEPH DAY was the son of Robert Day, who lived in the south part of Greenfield. He was b. in Andover, Mass., Sept 19, 1777; m. Esther Tuel. After marriage he moved to Vermont. She was the mother of his six children. Mr. Day moved to Peterborough in 1823, and bought and occupied the place on which John H. Holt now lives, till 1843, when he re. to Bennington, where he d. June, 1850, æ. 72 yrs., 8 mos.; 1st w. d. at Antrim, 1829; m., 2d w., Widow Peavey.
- 2 *Joseph*, b. Sept. 19, 1801; d. in Georgia, 1841.  
 3 *Esther S.*, b. Dec. 21, 1803; m. ——; d. 1871, æ. 68 yrs.  
 4 *Mary*, b. March 1, 1805; d. July, 1829, æ. 24 yrs., 4 mos.  
 5 *Robert*, b. Washington, Nov, 23, 1807; m. Lydia N. Carr.  
 6 *Henry Payson*, b. Rindge, April 8, 1812; d. 1815.  
 7 *George F.*, b. Feb. 16, 1816; d. young.
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1- 5 ROBERT DAY came to town with his father's family in 1823; was trained to the cabinet-making trade. Commenced business in 1832, having bought the shop of Moses Dodge, situated near to the North Factory; m. Lydia N. Carr, Dec. 4, 1832. He sold his property in town, and re. to the North Branch, Antrim, April, 1874, where he now resides.

- 8 *German*, b. April 17, 1834; m. Hannah Forbush, Oct. 10, 1861; one ch., Katie H.  
 9 *Edwin*, b. July 5, 1836; now lives in Exeter; of firm of Hobbs & Day, photographic artists.  
 10 *Mary*, b. Sept. 8, 1838; m. Samuel S. Sawyer, of Antrim, May 15, 1861.  
 11 *Louisa*, b. Feb. 9, 1841; m. Horace Gowing, July 13, 1869; r. Wakefield, Mass.  
 12 *Harry*, b. Jan. 21, 1845; d. of consumption Aug. 17, 1867, æ. 22 yrs., 6 mos.
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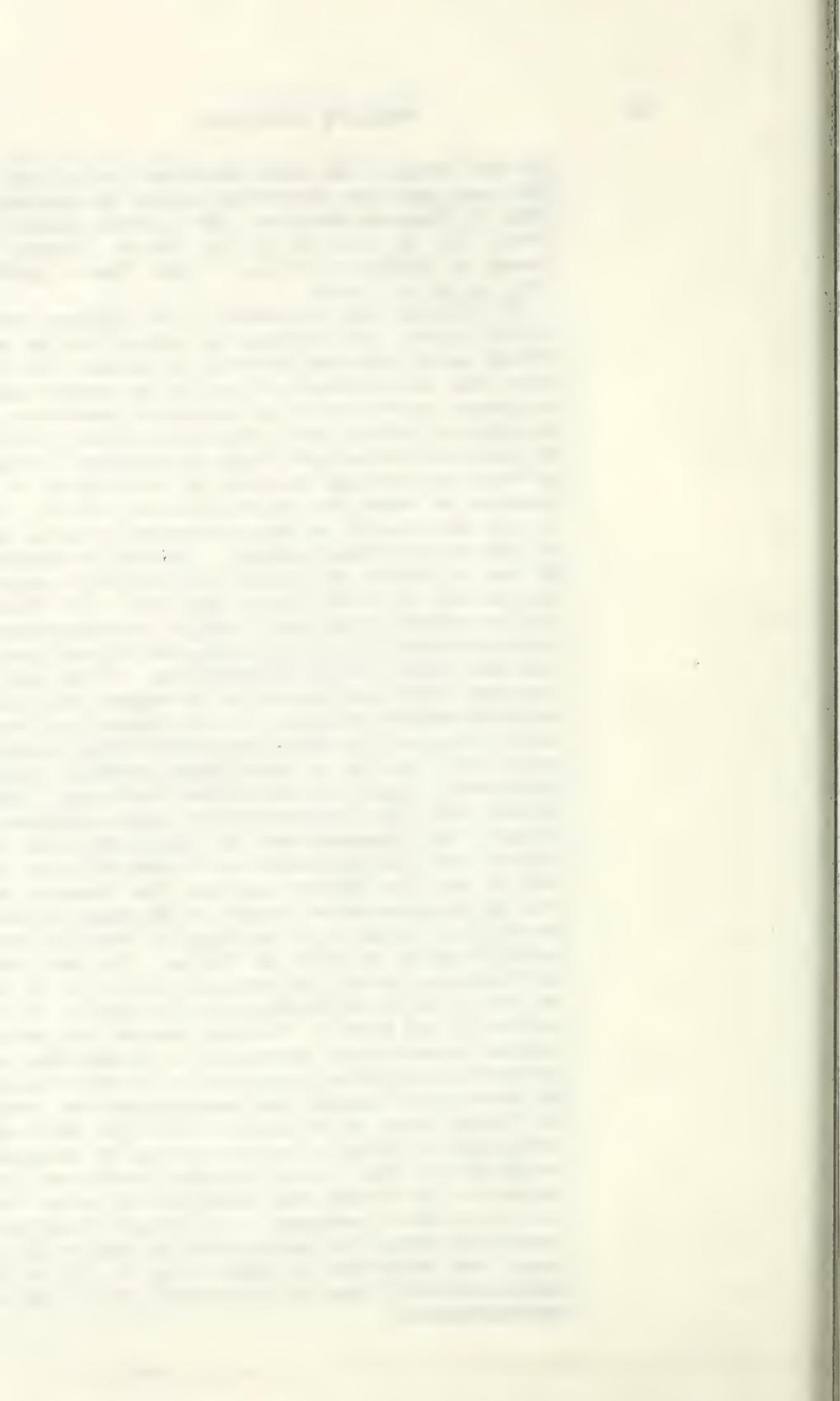
### THE DIAMOND FAMILY.

- 1 WILLIAM DIAMOND was b. in Boston, July 21, 1755, where he served his time in apprenticeship to the wheelwright trade. He re. to Lexington in 1775, where he continued to reside till he came to Peterborough in 1795.



He first occupied the place where Asa Carley lived for five years, and then bought and begun the farm where John D. Diamond now lives. He d. on this place, suddenly, July 29, 1828, æ. 73 yrs. He m. Rebecca Symonds, of Lexington, b. Sept. 1, 1762. She d. April 8, 1855, æ. 92 yrs., 7 mos.

Mr. Diamond was a drummer in the military service of his country, and said that he learned this art of a British soldier who was stationed at Boston. Mr. Diamond was the drummer of the sixty or seventy militia or minute men who stood on Lexington Common on the morning of April 19, 1775. He said he knew the name of every man who was on parade that morning. Whether there was anything menacing in the attitude or appearance of these men, history does not tell us. It is certain they evinced no fear, and probably cast a look of defiance upon their invaders. They did not mean to be the aggressors, but waited till they were attacked, slaughtered, murdered, before they fired. The British, on their refusal to surrender, thought to make summary work with such a handful of men, and at once poured into their ranks a deadly volley of shots. At the first fire five were killed, and as many at the second, and a considerable number wounded. It was a dastardly act,—so many well-armed and disciplined soldiers firing a deadly volley into a handful of undisciplined, unarmed militia. It gloriously opened the ball of the Revolution. After the first fire, Capt. Parker told every man to take care of himself. Mr. Diamond said he had to step over the body of one of his comrades when he started to run, and that he took the Bedford road from the Common, and wishing to disencumber himself of his drum, he found he could not detach it, so he slipped it over his head, and by so doing he threw off his hat. He then threw his drum over the wall, and stooping to pick up his hat he saw the British bayonets so near him that he had to run for life and leave it. Nothing daunted, and having obtained a musket and ammunition of a man who had neither the courage nor the disposition to use it himself, he rushed on to Concord, and reaching the town before the British troops, he took part in the fight there, and with his brave comrades hung on the rear of the invaders all the way from Concord through Lincoln and Lexington, till the British were reinforced by twelve hundred men below Lexington. Mr. Diamond recognized among the troops the soldier who had taught him to drum, who endeavored to make a sign to him of the hostile and deadly intent of the invaders, but he was not then understood.



Mr. Diamond at once entered the service of the Colonies, and was subsequently at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He thought that Gen. Warren threw his life away by needlessly exposing himself during the battle. He served all through the war of the Revolution as a drummer. He received a pension in his last days, which at his death was continued to his wife during her long life.

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- 2 *Rebecca*, b. Lexington, Sept. 20, 1783; m. Joseph Mace.
  - 3 †*William*, b. Lexington, Nov. 20, 1785; m. Lucinda Haggett, Nov. 18, 1824.
  - 4 *Mary*, b. Lexington, April 5, 1788; m. Joseph Johnson, Greenfield; d. 1857, æ. 71 yrs.
  - 5 †*John S.*, b. Lexington, Aug. 9, 1790; m. Octavia Davis, of Concord, Mass.
  - 6 *Elizabeth*, b. Lexington, March 4, 1792; m. James Barker; re. Wisconsin.
  - 7 *Lydia*, b. Peterborough, May 6, 1797; m. Aaron Avery; re. Wisconsin.
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I- 3 WILLIAM DIAMOND. He lived in the east part of the town on a farm directly west of his father's. He m. Lucinda Haggett, dau. of Abner Haggett, Nov. 18, 1824. He d. Jan. 25, 1872, æ. 86 yrs. A few years before his death he sold his farm, and bought the William White place, where he died.

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- 8 *Mary Louisa*, b. — ; m. Frank Condy; one ch., Ida.
  - 9 *Caroline*, b. — ; m. Joseph Fifield, Roxbury, Mass.
  - 10 *Elizabeth*, b. — ; m. Gorham Hall, Manchester; d. —.
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I- 5 JOHN S. DIAMOND m. Octavia Davis, of Concord, Mass., Dec. 28, 1819; b. Oct. 12, 1800. They have always lived in town. He is a wheelwright by trade. He is now living on the old homestead.

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- 11 †*John Davis*, b. Aug. 6, 1821; m. Laura Ann Farwell.
  - 12 *Octavia Lavina*, b. Aug. 18, 1825; m. Daniel Edes, Jr., March 29, 1853.
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5- 11 JOHN DAVIS DIAMOND. He lives on the old homestead, and is a wheelwright by trade. He m. Laura Ann Farwell, b. June 23, 1834.

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- 13 *Laura Ada*, b. July 21, 1854.
- 14 *George F.*, b. July 26, 1856.
- 15 *John C.*, b. Oct. 23, 1863.
- 16 *Nettie Helen*, b. July 12, 1870.

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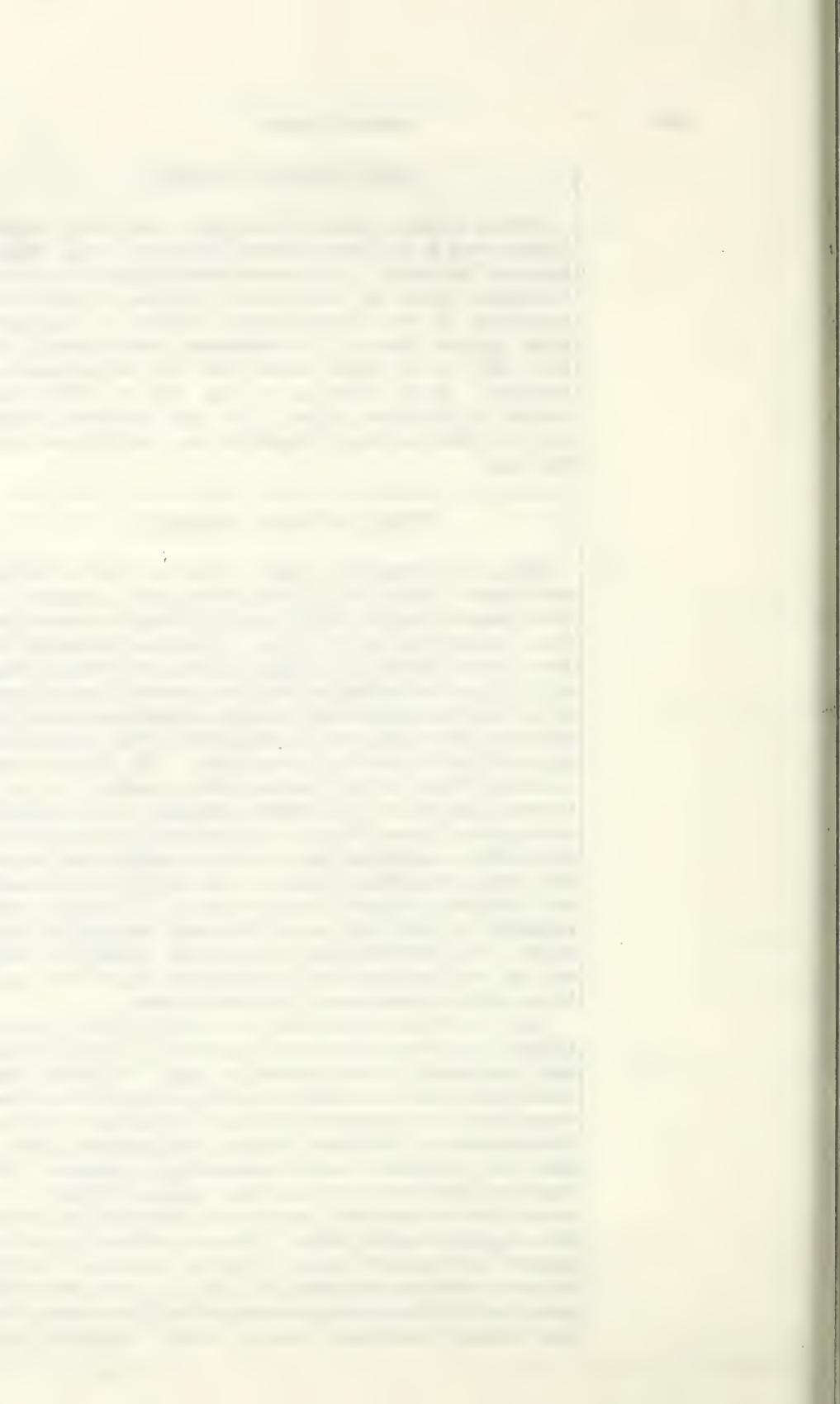
## THE DODGE FAMILY.

I MOSES DODGE, son of Nathaniel and Sally Bailey Dodge, was b. in New Boston, March 17, 1779, where he spent his youth. He learned the carpenter's trade in Vermont. Came to Peterborough in 1814 to build the machinery of the North Cotton Factory in company with Andrew Harris. He remained here through his life. He at one time carried on the cabinet-making business. He d. 1850, æ. 71 yrs. He m. Sally Richardson, of Holliston, Mass. He was Selectman 1829, '30, '31. He was much respected as a worthy and honest man.

## THE DUNBAR FAMILY.

I ELIJAH DUNBAR, Jr., (Rev.) was the son of Elijah and Sarah Dunbar, of Canton, Mass., and grandson of Rev. Samuel Dunbar of that part of Stoughton now Canton. He was b. July 7, 1773. A sermon preached by Rev. Jason Haven in Dedham, Mass., on Sunday, June 18, 1783, at the funeral of the Rev. Samuel Dunbar, pastor of the first church and society in that town gives the following facts: He was in the seventy-ninth year of his age and the fifty-sixth of his ministry. Mr. Dunbar was a decided friend of the liberties of his country. In 1775 he was Chaplain to Col. Brown's regiment in the expedition against Crown Point. His zeal and firmness in the Revolution contributed not a little to support the hopes and sustain the sinking spirits of the people when cloud and darkness shrouded our prospects. This man was reported to have left seven thousand manuscript sermons. They were written in characters peculiar to himself, so that no one now can decipher them, and, perhaps, with no great loss to the world either.

Rev. E. Dunbar was fitted for college by his grandfather, the above, and entered Harvard College in 1790, and graduated in due course in 1794. We may form some idea of his scholarship in college from the fact that immediately on graduating he was selected as a tutor in Mathematics in Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., just then organized and commencing operation. He remained here two years and then studied divinity. It seems that he came and preached at Stoddard before he was engaged in this town. He was ordained over the church and society Oct. 23, 1799, and remained pastor of same twenty-seven years, till Feb. 25, 1827, when he preached his last sermon as minister of this society, and was formally dismissed June 27, 1827. He never en-

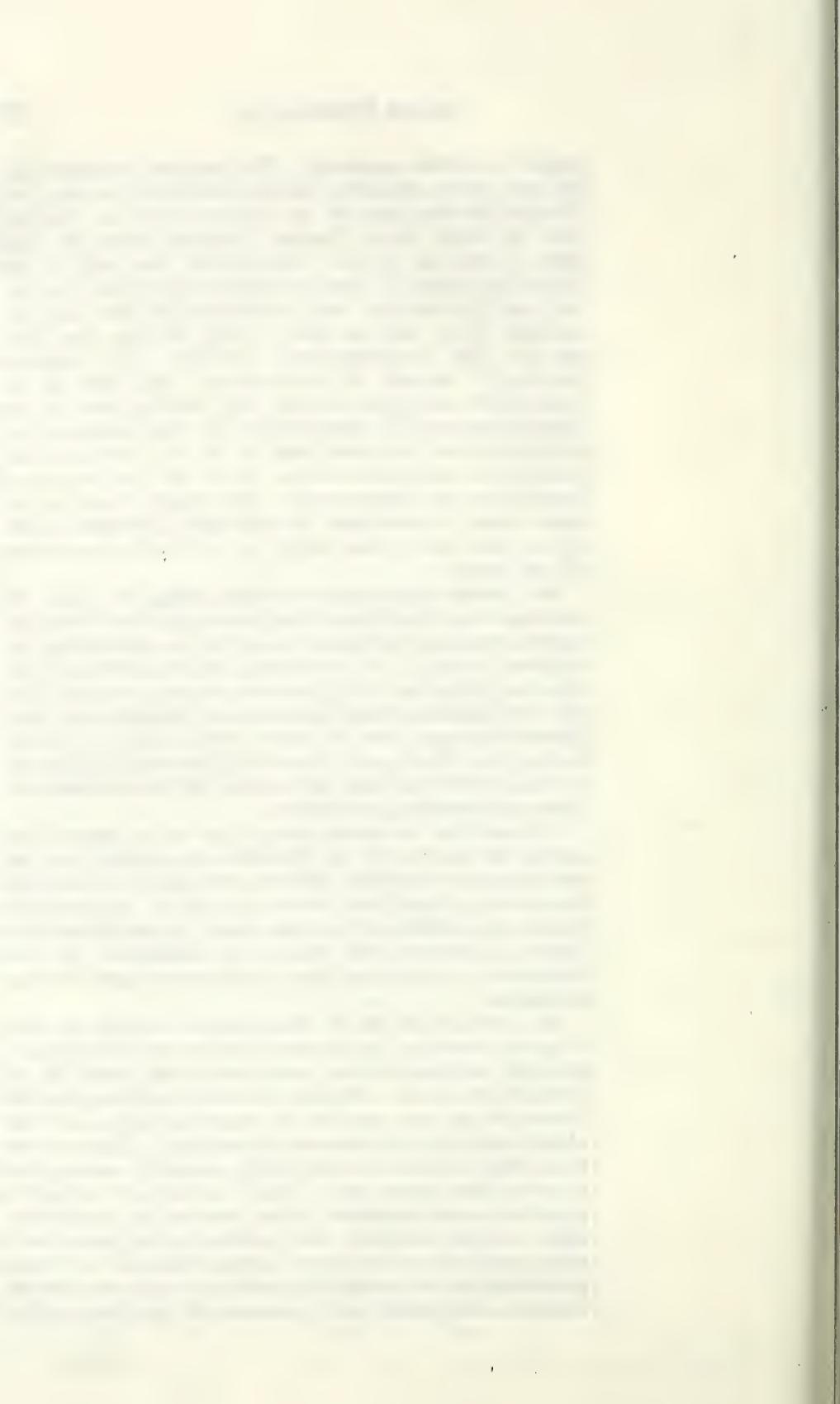


gaged in another pastorate. He preached occasionally for some years, retaining his faculties in full to the last. For the last five years of his life he resided at Milford with his wife's sister, Clarissa Peabody, where he died Sept. 3, 1850, æ. 77 yrs. His funeral was held at the Unitarian church in Peterborough on the 7th of September, and the services were conducted by Rev. Levi W. Leonard, D.D., and the Rev. Liberty Billings, then pastor of the Congregational Society. Mr. Leonard preached a sermon on the occasion; and then his remains were consigned to that last resting-place on the Meeting-house Hill, where he had so long ministered in all seasons and weathers, and to the old cemetery hallowed by so many associations of the old and venerated inhabitants of Peterborough. He always lived on the same place in town after his marriage,—the farm north of the John Little place, which he held in his possession till his death.

Mr. Dunbar published very little during his life. All that has been found is a catechism called the "Peterborough Catechism," prepared to aid him in catechising the children in 1815. It is very rare, and mankind will sustain but little loss if it becomes entirely extinct. He also published a sermon preached at the funeral of Rev. Edward Sprague, Dec. 18, 1817; and a sketch of Peterborough in Moore and Farmer's Historical Collections in 1822, which has been the basis of all the gazetteer notices of Peterborough hitherto.

It is not the antiquary alone that has to lament that during the late war of the Rebellion the price of old paper became so high that almost every family, all through the country, cleared out their attics of all accumulated papers, pamphlets, and useless books, to the serious detriment of literature and of all town historians. It is to this cause no doubt that these publications have become so scarce.

Mr. Dunbar had few of the graces of oratory, or even of good elocution, but his enunciation was always good, his voice sufficiently loud and clear to be heard in all parts of the house. He was free from any disagreeable intonation, or any peculiar or sanctified tone, and was always natural in his manner of speaking. This is more than could be said of the clergy generally seventy-five or even fifty years ago. There was almost always a peculiar manner assumed in the services of public worship, such as a drawl, or a peculiarly holy tone, or a wrong emphasis or accent on certain words, or a vitiated pronunciation of words which were of most frequent occurrence, and indeed such a manner of speaking as was



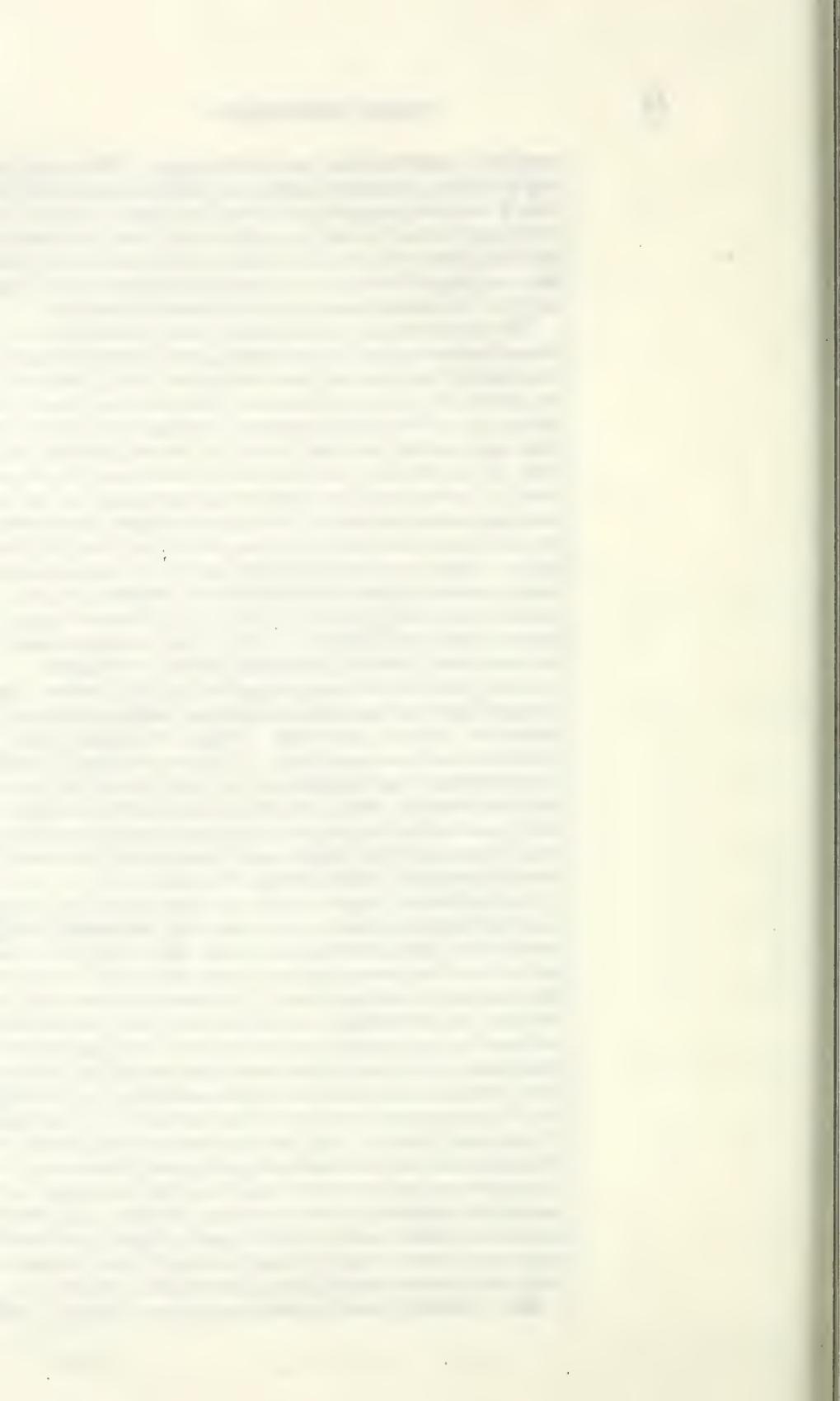
met with nowhere else but in the pulpit. We could not say that Mr. Dunbar's manner of speaking was pleasing, but it was respectable and free from great faults. He stood up without a single gesture and read his sermon, holding it up with one hand before him, which was written on paper folded in a duodecimo form (6x3½ inches size), — the usual form of the sermons of that day.

The sermons, as I remember them, would vary from three-fourths to an hour in length, and the whole service was rarely less than an hour and a half long ; and will it be believed in this generation that all this must take place in cold weather, in a cold house, to which no fire ever approached, so that it got to be the general belief that public worship and artificial heat were incompatibles ? How often Mr. Dunbar has preached in the old meeting-house on the hill in dead of winter one sermon, for his hearers could endure no more, for fear of freezing to death, and yet all these same worshippers would have deemed a fire in the church an effeminacy and impropriety of the grossest kind. In all his ministry he never knew the luxury of a fire in the meeting-house till his last year, when he preached in the new church.

Many persons not acquainted with Mr. Dunbar have thought that he was a man of inferior talents, because he knew so little of men and things, and withal was so credulous and unsuspecting. This was a great mistake. He possessed an intellect of a high order ; he was a brilliant scholar, and if he could only have been able to keep pace with the progress in his profession, could have had leisure and the books and literature of his time, he would have left a name among the very first.

He had never kept up with the times, a thing impossible for him, situated as he was, and perhaps it might have been this circumstance more than any other that led to his dismissal, while he was yet in his full prime. He was called old-fashioned ; his preaching was dull, his manner uninteresting ; he used the old phraseology without the old dogma ; was entirely unacquainted with what was going on in the theological world at the very time when Unitarianism was just emerging to the light in Massachusetts, in the controversies of Channing, Wood, and Stuart. Mr. Dunbar was always genial and pleasant, and in his manner polite and courteous. In his conversation he always used the best language, never in his life uttering a low or slang phrase. He was an agreeable talker, always clearly and directly expressing what he wished to say, though it could not perhaps be said that he was very highly gifted in this respect.

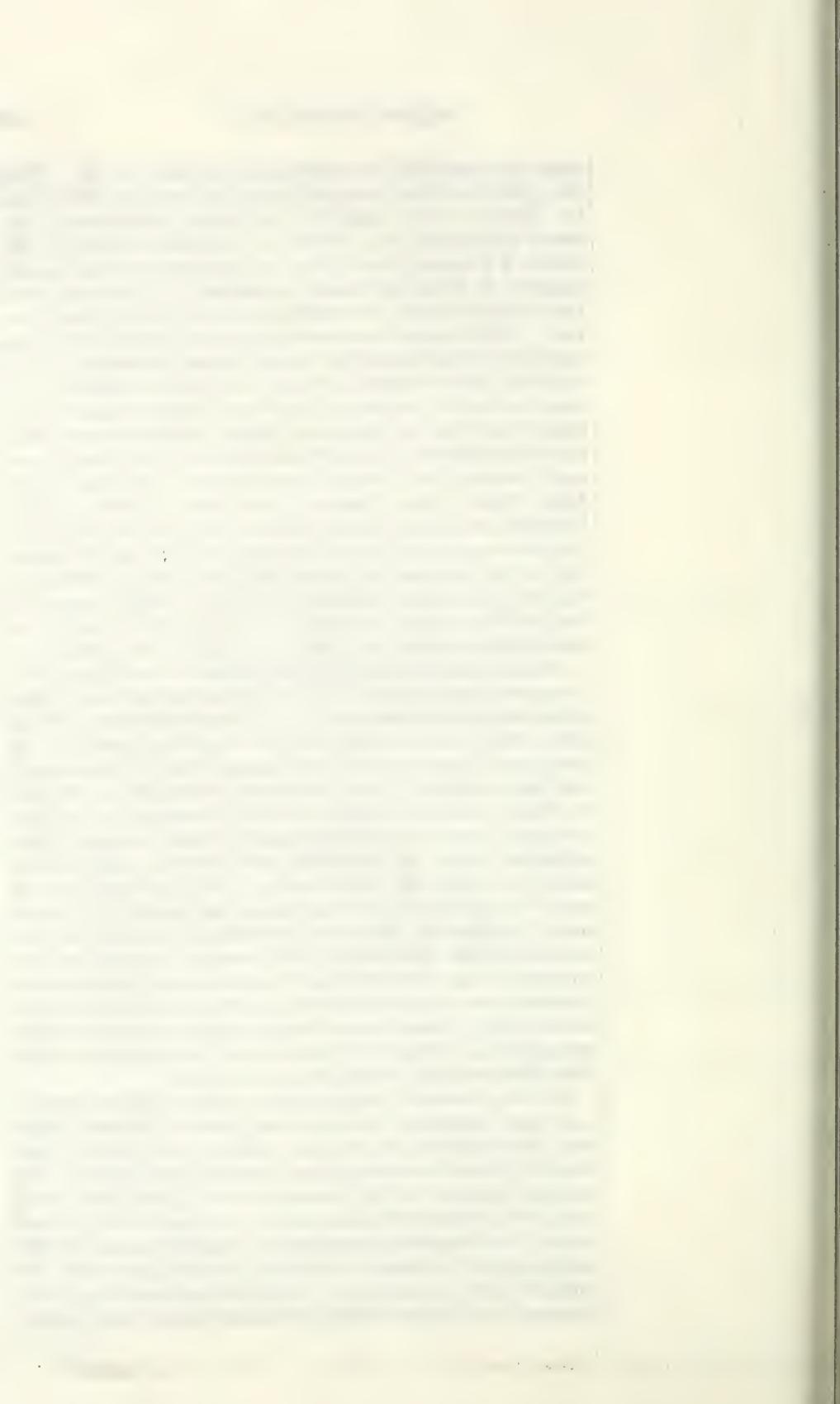
Mr. Dunbar never spoke *extempore*. On all occa-



sions he committed to writing all he had to say. This was peculiarly the case at funerals, where the addresses to friends were carefully prepared beforehand. He never cultivated his powers of *extempore* speaking, in which I have no doubt he might have been eminently successful, from his ready command of language and the choice of the best words in his common conversation. This seems the more strange as he was cast into the midst of a generation distinguished above all things else for their wonderful faculty in public speaking. It was rare in the history of any town that so many ready, fluent, and forcible speakers should appear at one time, as were exhibited some fifty or seventy-five years ago,—such men as John Smith, James Wilson, Thomas Steele, John Steele, Jona. Smith, John Scott, Daniel Robbe, Samuel Smith, and many others. It may be that Mr. Dunbar was fearful to try his powers of *extempore* speaking in the presence of such men, and, like Addison, being conscious that he could draw for a large amount if he had but a small amount in his pocket, he went on through life without any effort to improve this faculty.

He was always very happy in his funeral exercises. His pleasant countenance and sympathizing words afforded great comfort to mourners. In these services he always felt warmly and sincerely for the bereaved, and his utterances of sympathy and condolence were always natural, and the result of a kind heart and disposition. It may be that by his kind feelings he was prompted to laud the deceased more than circumstances would warrant; nevertheless, it was all heartfelt and sincere. He strictly adhered to the old Latin motto, "*Nil de mortuis nisi bonum*," to say nothing of the dead but good. His manner of addressing mourners sometimes seemed inflated and somewhat theatrical; yet it was all so sincere and solemn no one ever felt that there was any impropriety. He was always exceedingly respectful in the adoption of terms, though those terms would remind one of the high-wrought and princely expressions of Shakespeare rather than the beautiful simplicity of the Bible.

He was a man of large stature, with a pleasant, genial face, and agreeable manners, and one of the very pleasant reminiscences of him is that of his passing into church (the old meeting-house), bowing gracefully to the various persons in the pews on each side of the broad aisle, and doing the same at the conclusion of the services. As long as he preached it was the custom for the congregation to remain standing in the pews until the minister had passed out, and this custom was only changed in 1827 or 1828 by a direct vote of the Congre-



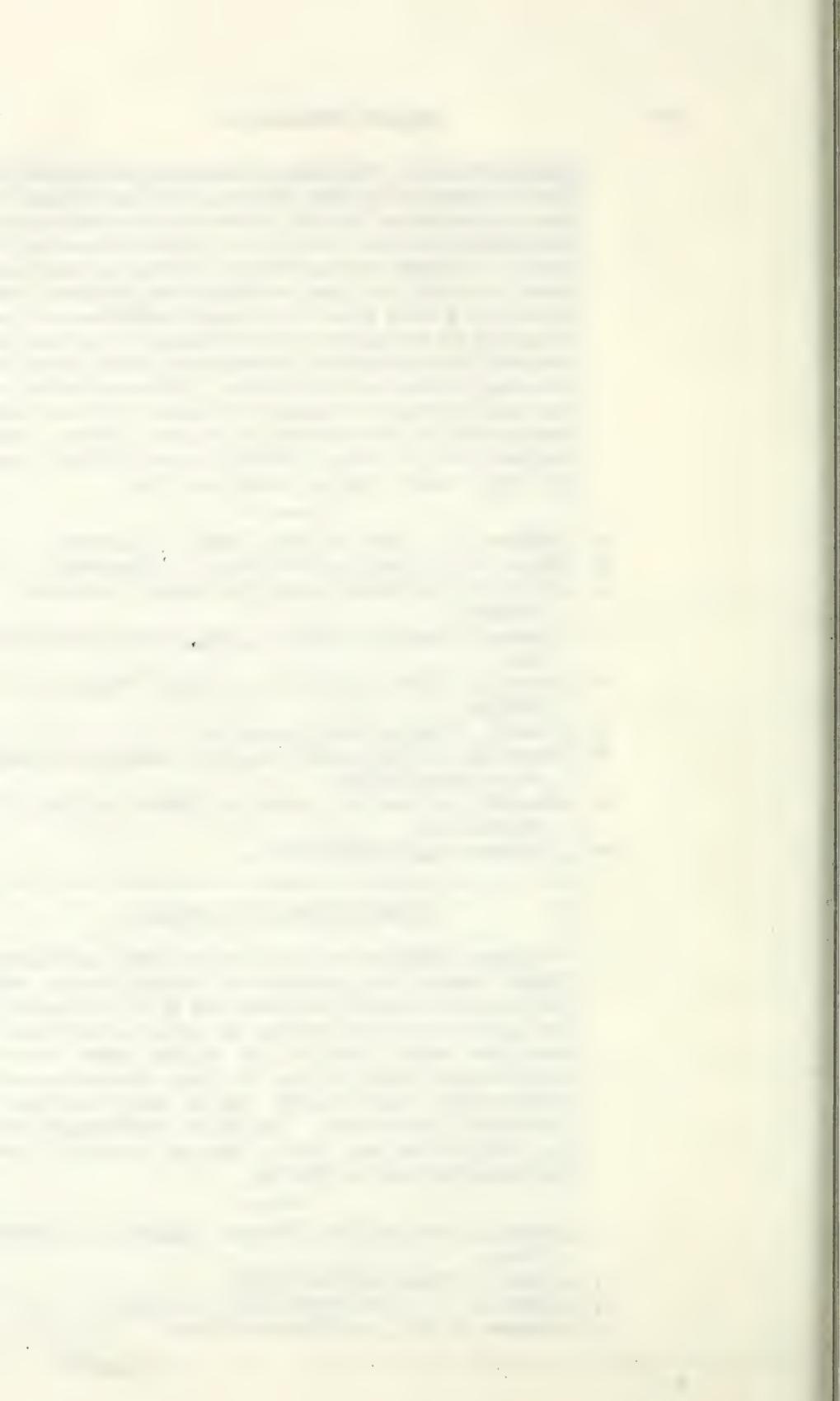
gational Society. He enjoyed uniform good health all his life down to his last sickness. He never failed in his services on the Sabbath, unless such inclemencies of the weather occurred that no one could venture out, or dared to endure the hardship of hearing a long sermon in a cold and open meeting-house, situated more than half a mile from any human habitation or fire. Although he was allowed three Sundays in a year, yet he never once thought of appropriating them except for necessary absence to visit friends. He knew nothing of the modern idea of a minister's vacation; his only idea was to work on, to work on to the end. He m. Anna Peabody, dau. of Wm. Peabody, Esq., of Milford, Dec. 15, 1803. She d. July 25, 1828, æ. 44 yrs.

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- 2 *William P.*, b. Sept. 20, 1804; unm.; r. Hancock.
  - 3 *Abigail W.*, b. Jan. 15, 1806; unm.; r. Hancock.
  - 4 *Horatio N.*, b. March 5, 1807; m. Sarah J. Robinson; r. Milford.
  - 5 *Stephen*, b. June 22, 1808; m. Jane Bruce, Mount Vernon.
  - 6 *Sarah A.*, b. Oct. 12, 1809; m. Nahum Warren; d. in Dublin.
  - 7 *John S.*, b. Aug. 2, 1811; unm.; d.
  - 8 *James M.*, b. Dec. 4, 1817; m., 1st w., Harriet D. Gould; 2d w., Irena Holden.
  - 9 *Henry W.*, b. June 28, 1822; m. Maria A. Holt; divorced 1874.
  - 10 *J. Quincy A.*, b. July 20, 1824.
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#### THE DUNCAN FAMILY.

- 1 **GEORGE DUNCAN** was the son of John and Rachel Todd Duncan, and grandson to George Duncan, who emigrated to America, and lived and d. in Londonderry. We are unable to fix the time he came to town, but it was quite early. Most of his children were born in Londonderry. He lived on the farm afterwards occupied by Capt. Isaac Hadley. He m. Mary Bell, dau. of John and Elizabeth Bell. She d. at Peterborough, Jan. 23, 1812, æ. 84 yrs. He d. May 29, 1810, æ. 86 yrs. He was selectman in 1788, '89.
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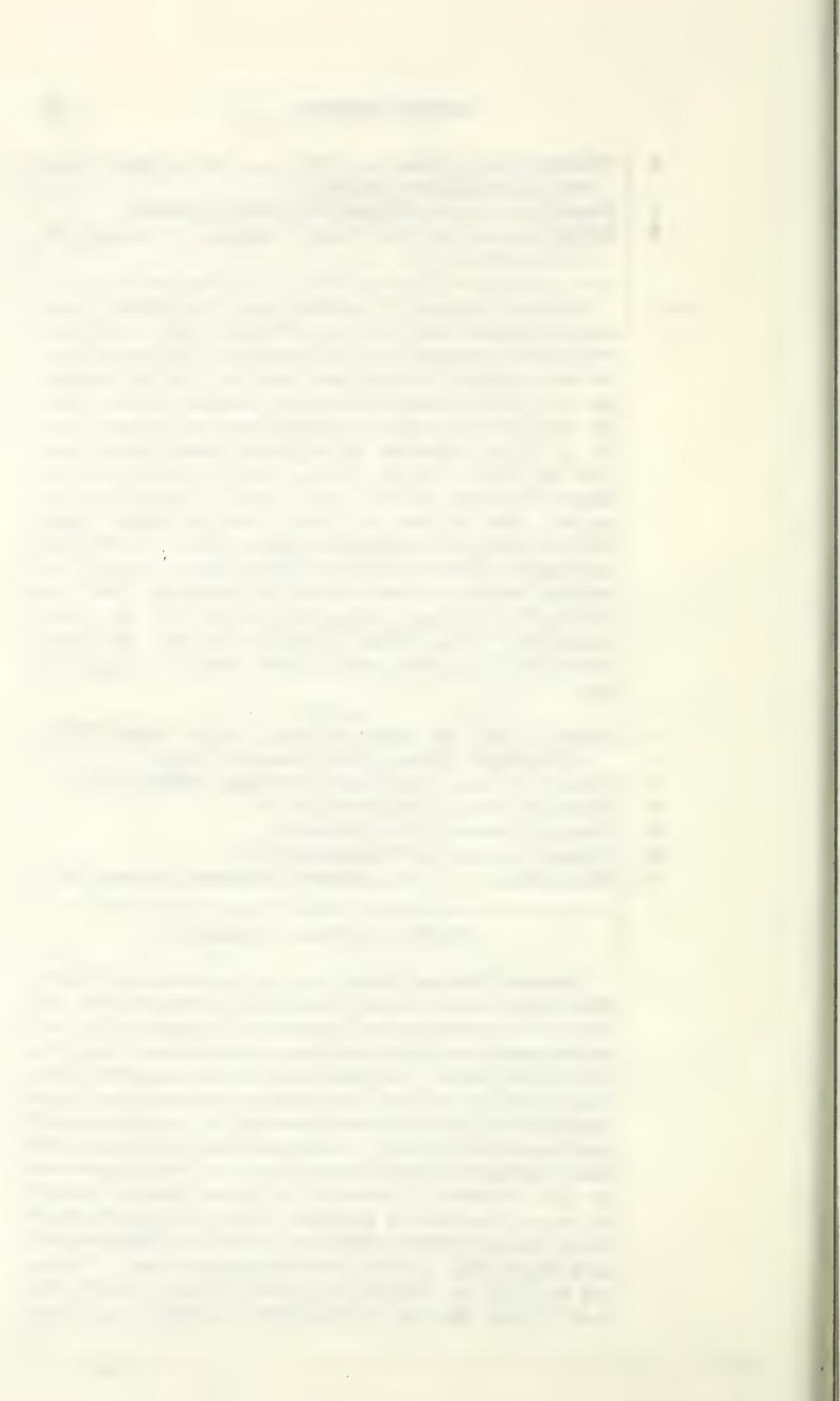
- 2 *Betsey*, b. — ; m. Rev. Samuel Taggart, of Colerain, Mass.
- 3 *Rachel*, b. 1759; m. John Todd.
- 4 *Esther*, b. — ; m. Moses Black; r. Boston.
- 5 *Rosanna*, b. 1765; m. Ebenezer Moore.



- 6 | *†George, Jr.*, b. June 10, 1767; m., 1st w., Jane Ferguson; 2d w., Betsey Taylor.
- 7 | *Sarah*, b. ——; m. Robert McClellan, Colerain.
- 8 | *Mary*, b. ——; m. Rev. Hugh Wallace; r. Pompey, N. Y.; d. 1802.
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- 1-6 | GEORGE DUNCAN, Jr., settled near his father's farm, long occupied afterward by William Gray, and now owned and occupied by the widow of Charles S. Gray. He was a man of talents, and was held in high estimation by his townsmen when he removed to the West. He held various offices in town; was selectman 1805, '6, '7, '8, '9; surveyor of highways many years, from 1798 to 1807. He m., 1st w., Jane Ferguson, dau. of Henry Ferguson, March, 1798. She d. Jan. 16, 1802, æ. 29 yrs. She left one ch., Mary, who m. Judge Daniel Wells in 1824, of Greenfield, Mass. He m., 2d w., Betsey Taylor, widow of Charles Taylor, Dec. 2, 1805. She was the mother of the rest of his children. She d. at Preble, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1829, æ. 52 yrs. He m., 3d w., Annis Orr. She d. Feb. 9, 1868, æ. 78 yrs. He re. to Preble, N. Y., in 1813, and d. there Sept. 13, 1851, æ. 84 yrs.
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- 9 | *Mary*, b. Dec. 28, 1798; m. 1824, Judge Daniel Wells; r. Greenfield, Mass.; he d. June 22, 1854.
- 10 | *Jane F.*, b. ——; m. Silas Cummings, Preble, N. Y.
- 11 | *Henry*, b. ——; d. in Byron, N. Y.
- 12 | *George*, b. ——; d. in California.
- 13 | *Daniel*, b. ——; d. Weedsport, N. Y.
- 14 | *Elizabeth*, b. ——; m. Andrew Godcheus, Homer, N. Y.
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### THE DUSTAN FAMILY.

I | GEORGE DUSTAN (Rev.), son of Jonathan and Sarah Morrison Center Dustan, was b. in Lebanon, Nov. 26, 1828. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1852, and subsequently taught the academy at McIndoe's Falls, Vt., for several years. He graduated at the Andover Seminary in 1859, and was ordained pastor over the Union Evangelical Church in Peterborough, Oct. 19, 1859, which position he now holds. He represented the town in the New Hampshire Legislature 1870, '71; was appointed by Gov. Stearns a Trustee of the State Normal School in 1870; has been a member of the School Board in Peterborough several years, and one of the Superintendents of the High School since its organization. He m., 1st w., Lucy A. Marsh, only dau. of Rev. Joseph and Lucy Dana Marsh, of Thetford, Vt., Feb. 14, 1855.



She d. Sept. 14, 1862, æ. 31 yrs. He m., 2d w., Sarah L., only dau. of Deacon James B. and Adelaide Field Nichols, May 4, 1864. Two ch., 1st w.; two ch., 2d w.

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- 2 *Dana M.*, b. Tunbridge, Vt., June 14, 1859.  
 3 *George P.*, b. Peterborough, July 4, 1860.  
 4 *Gertrude L.*, b. Aug. 19, 1868.  
 5 *Grace Nichols*, b. Feb. 27, 1875.

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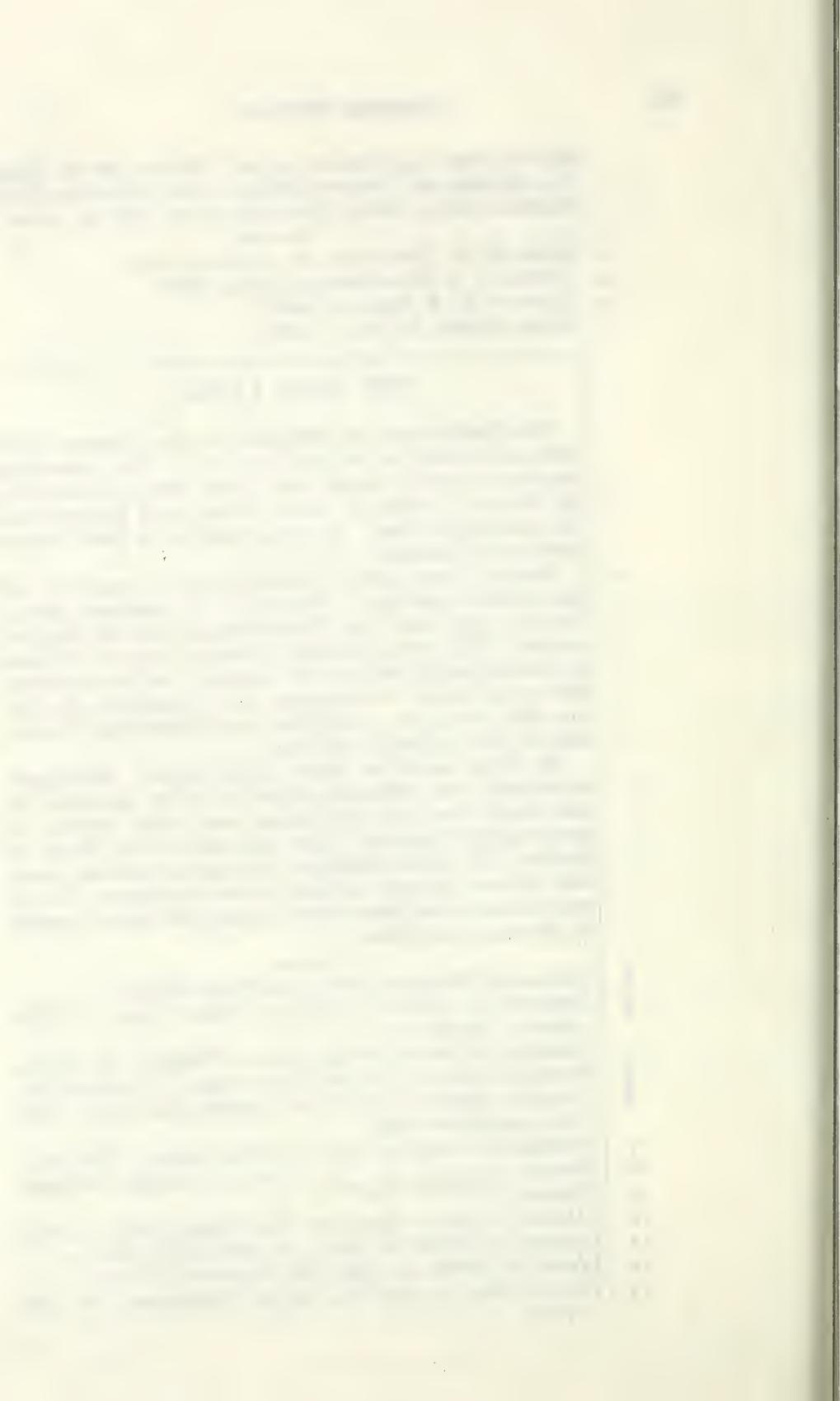
### THE EDES FAMILY.

This family traces its descent from the Eastern counties of England, as far back as 1517. The genealogy has been carefully traced, with great labor and research, by Richard S. Edes, of Bolton, Mass., and Henry Edes, of Cambridge, Mass. It was a family of a good deal of standing in society.

- 1 **SAMUEL EDES** came to Peterborough in 1799, after all his children were born. He was b. in Needham, Mass., Oct. 15, 1753, and d. in Peterborough, July 10, 1845, æ. 92 yrs. His 1st w., Elizabeth Baker, d. before he came to Peterborough, and was the mother of all his children. His 2d w., Sarah Hutchinson, d. in Peterborough, Oct. 20, 1816, æ. 64 yrs. His 3d w. was Widow Mary Eaton. She d. June 4, 1864, æ. 89 yrs.

Mr. Edes was in the Battle of Lexington. He reported himself and seventeen others as being separated in this battle from his companions, and being exposed to great danger thereby. The night before the Battle of Bunker Hill he was employed all night in driving oxen, and was not allowed to speak above a whisper. He always lived on the same place in town, the same occupied by his son, Isaac Edes.

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- 2 †*Samuel*, b. March 15, 1775; m. Mary Waite.  
 3 *Catharine*, b. Feb. 16, 1777; m. Robert Carr; r. Hillsboro. She d. —.  
 4 *Elizabeth*, b. July 15, 1779; m. — Walker; re. Maine.  
 5 *Sarah*, b. Sept. 6, 1781; m. John Howe; r. Temple, Me.  
 6 *Joseph*, b. Sept. 10, 1783; re. Temple, Me.; was killed by a neighbor 1863.  
 7 *Jeremiah*, b. Aug. 24, 1785; re. New Jersey. Two ch.  
 8 *Rebecca*, } b. Sept. 17, 1787. { m. — Smith, Dedham.  
 9 *Patience*, } b. Sept. 17, 1787. {  
 10 †*Daniel*, b. Jan. 2, 1790; m. Jane Craige, Feb. 12, 1817.  
 11 †*Amasa*, b. March 21, 1792; m. Sarah Hart, Keene.  
 12 †*Isaac*, b. March 31, 1795; m. Elizabeth Mitchell.  
 13 *Polly*, b. Dec. 6, 1797; m. Andrew Templeton; re. New York.



1- 2      SAMUEL EDES, Jr., m. Mary Waite, of Londonderry, May 9, 1794. He resided in Rome, N. Y., many years, where his first five ch. were b. The rest were b. in Peterborough. He was killed by the falling of the barn now owned by Charles McCoy, 2d, in the raising of the same June 15, 1816, æ. 41 yrs., 3 mos. She m., 2d hus., Dec. 4, 1820, Robert Carr, of Hillsboro ; d.

14      *Mary*, b. April 27, 1796 ; d. Hillsboro.

15      *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 25, 1799 ; m. William Carter, Jaffrey ; d. Aug. 11, 1822, æ. 23 yrs. He d. Nov. 17, 1821.

16      *Deidamia*, b. May 10, 1802 ; m. Hooper Runnels, Greenfield. He d. Aug. 30, 1862, æ. 64 yrs. She d.

17      *Sarah*, b. Oct. 6, 1804 ; m. Gilman Bailey, Washington ; d. Washington.

18      †*Samuel*, b. July 17, 1807 ; m., 1st w., Maria Corbin ; 2d w., Mrs. Miranda Corbin ; 3d w., Jennie Wilson.

19      *Clarissa*, b. Greenfield, Feb. 27, 1810 ; m. — Severance ; r. Washington.

20      *Catharine*, b. Aug. 13, 1812 ; m. Joseph Tabor ; re. Minnesota.

21      *Hiram Jason*, b. July 17, 1815 ; m. Ann Kelley in 1840. She d. in Missouri ; 2d w., Agnes P. Wood, 1856. She d. 1871, leaving one son, William Jason, b. April, 1858.

Hiram Jason Edes was early deprived of his father, and like his brother was thrown upon his own resources at an early age. He entered the Andover Academy, where he remained three years, during the time keeping a winter school each year. His health having failed he went to Virginia, and here attempted to complete his education at the Richmond College. But his health proving inadequate, he commenced the study of medicine, and attended his first course of Medical Lectures in the Medical Department of Yale College, Ct., and his second at Hampden, Sydney College, Prince Edwards County, Va., where he took his medical degree in 1844. He commenced practice in the city of Weston, Platt Co., Missouri, where he remained until the atrocious Kansas troubles arose, when he was proscribed and driven off on account of his political principles, and removed to Cedar Rapids, Ia., where he now resides in the practice of his profession. Since he was twelve years of age he has made his own way under all difficulties, getting a respectable education, and establishing himself in business, and suffering the great drawback the Kansas difficulties interposed, and finally building up a good character as a physician and a man. He says very modestly of himself that he is indebted for all his success in life to a

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good, Christian mother, to whom he promised in childhood never "to drink, play cards, or go to the theatre," and he has never disobeyed her.

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I- 10 DANIEL EDES resided in various places in town, and at one time he owned and occupied the old farm of John Morison, in north-west part of the town, now abandoned. He m. Jane Craige, Feb. 12, 1817. She was b. Oct. 13, 1788; d. May 17, 1856, æ. 68 yrs. He d. June 22, 1860, æ. 70 yrs.

22 †*Daniel Edes, Jr.*, b. Nov. 3, 1817; m. O. Lavinia Diamond.

23 *Elizabeth Jane*, b. Oct. 22, 1819; unm.

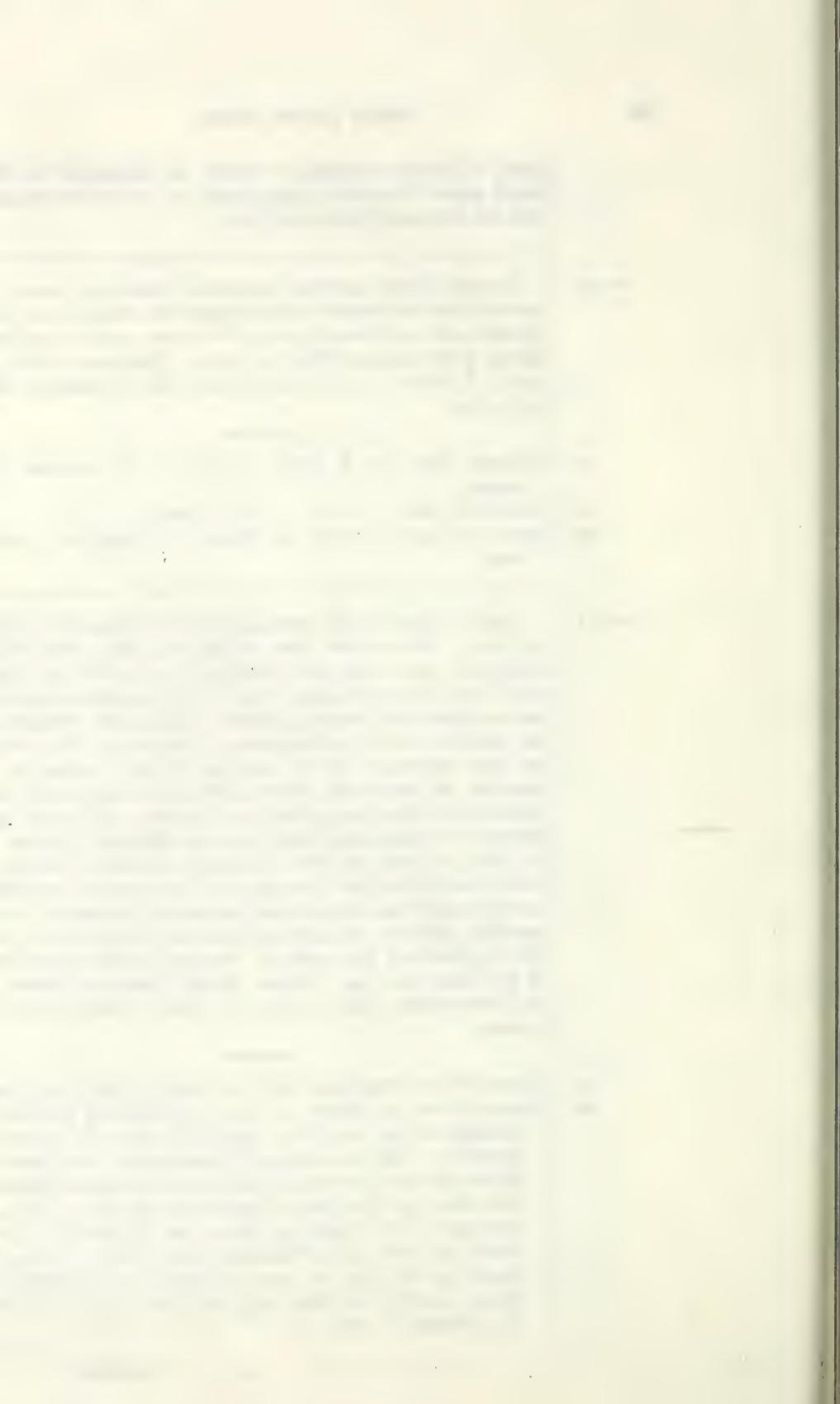
24 *Isaac*, b. Jan. 17, 1826; d. March 6, 1829, æ. 3 yrs., 1 mos.

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I- II AMASA EDES. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1817. He studied law at Belfast, Me., with Wilson & Porter one year, and finished his studies at Keene with Hon. James Wilson, Sen. He was admitted to the bar in Cheshire County, October, 1822, and commenced the practice of his profession at Newport in 1823, where he now resides. He is now the oldest lawyer in the practice of law in the State; has, for many years, been president of the bar in Sullivan County. After his graduation in college, and until he was admitted to the bar in 1822, he was a very successful teacher, having for three years been the Principal of New Ipswich Academy, having taught an academical school in Hancock for six months, and also for three months in Newport in 1823. He represented the town of Newport in the Legislature of the State in 1834. He m. Sarah Hart, of Keene; b. in Chesterfield, July 5, 1795; d. Oct. 8, 1869, æ. 74 yrs., 3 mos.

25 *Joseph W.*, b. May 30, 1823; d. June 8, 1828, æ. 5 yrs.

26 *Samuel Hart*, b. March 31, 1825; graduated Dartmouth College 1844; m., Dec. 30, 1848, Julia A. Nourse, of Acworth. He is a lawyer by profession; has been Solicitor for the County of Sullivan; and also represented the town in the State Legislature in 1860.; ch., (1) George C., b. April 25, 1849; m. Lizzie M. Lyons, Nov. 10, 1873; (2) William A., b. Dec. 5, 1854; d. Sept. 22, 1872, æ. 17 yrs., 9 mos.; (3) Samuel W., b. Sept. 4, 1857; d. Sept. 23, 1858, æ. 1 yr.; (4) Maria J., b. Sept. 5, 1859.



1- 12 ISAAC EDES succeeded his father on the old home-  
stead. He m. Elizabeth Mitchell, April 24, 1823. She  
d. Sept. 8, 1873, æ. 80 yrs., 4 mos. He was killed by  
falling from a tree while picking apples. A limb broke,  
and precipitated him with such force to the ground as to  
destroy life immediately. He d. Oct. 26, 1859, æ. 64  
yrs. He was much engaged in teaching in early life,  
and was a deservedly popular instructor. He was se-  
lectman in 1835, '36, '37, '38. He was a respectable  
and worthy man.

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- 27 *Isaac*, b. Feb. 22, 1824; d. Feb. 25, 1824, æ. 3 dys.  
28 *Elizabeth*, b. April 17, 1826; m. Aug. 23, 1859, William  
Blanchard. She d. Oct. 22, 1867, æ. 41 yrs.  
29 *Henry B.*, b. Jan. 24, 1829; d. Nov. 7, 1850, æ. 21 yrs.  
30 *Martha M.*, b. Nov. 17, 1832; m. Robert B. Chalmers,  
March 21, 1866; ch., (1) Annie Lizzie, b. July 26,  
1867; (2) Henry Edes, b. Sept. 30, 1869; (3) Grace,  
b. June 21, 1872; d. Aug. 9, 1872, æ. 1 mo., 18 dys.
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2- 18 SAMUEL EDES, 3d. Being deprived of his father when  
quite young, and his mother being left in a dependent  
situation with a large family, he was early thrown upon  
his own resources. When seventeen years of age he  
went to New Ipswich and worked one year and a half in  
the machine shop of Bachelder & Brown, and several  
years as an overseer in their Cotton Factory. He re-  
turned to town in 1834 or 5, and carried on extensively  
the Tin and Stove Manufacturing for some years, and  
acquired, by his industry and attention to business, a  
considerable wealth. He represented the town in the  
State Legislature in 1857, '58. He m., 1st w., Feb. 2,  
1830, Maria Corbin. She d. July 4, 1850, æ. 40 yrs.  
He m., 2d w., Mrs. Miranda Corbin, March, 1853.  
Failing to find harmony in his domestic relations, he  
sought and obtained a decree of divorce from the Court  
in September, 1868. He m., 3d w., Jennie Wilson, Oct.  
1, 1868. He removed from Peterborough to Lake City,  
Minn., 1860, where he now resides.

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- 31 *Maria Eliza*, b. Nov. 4, 1831; m. Rev. Samuel Abbot  
Smith, June 27, 1854.  
32 *Samuel M.*, b. Aug. 12, 1833; d. Oct. 9, 1856, æ. 23 yrs.,  
1 mos.  
33 *Sarah A.*, b. October, 1837; d. 1838, æ. 9 mos.  
34 *Sarah A.*, b. —, 1839; m. Elbridge Sanderson, of  
Boston, August, 1862; one son; d. when 3 years old.  
She d. Nov. 1, 1866, æ. 28 yrs.



10- 22 DANIEL EDES, Jr., m. March 29, 1854, O. Lavinia Diamond. He lives on the mountain, on a farm formerly occupied by Thomas Laws.

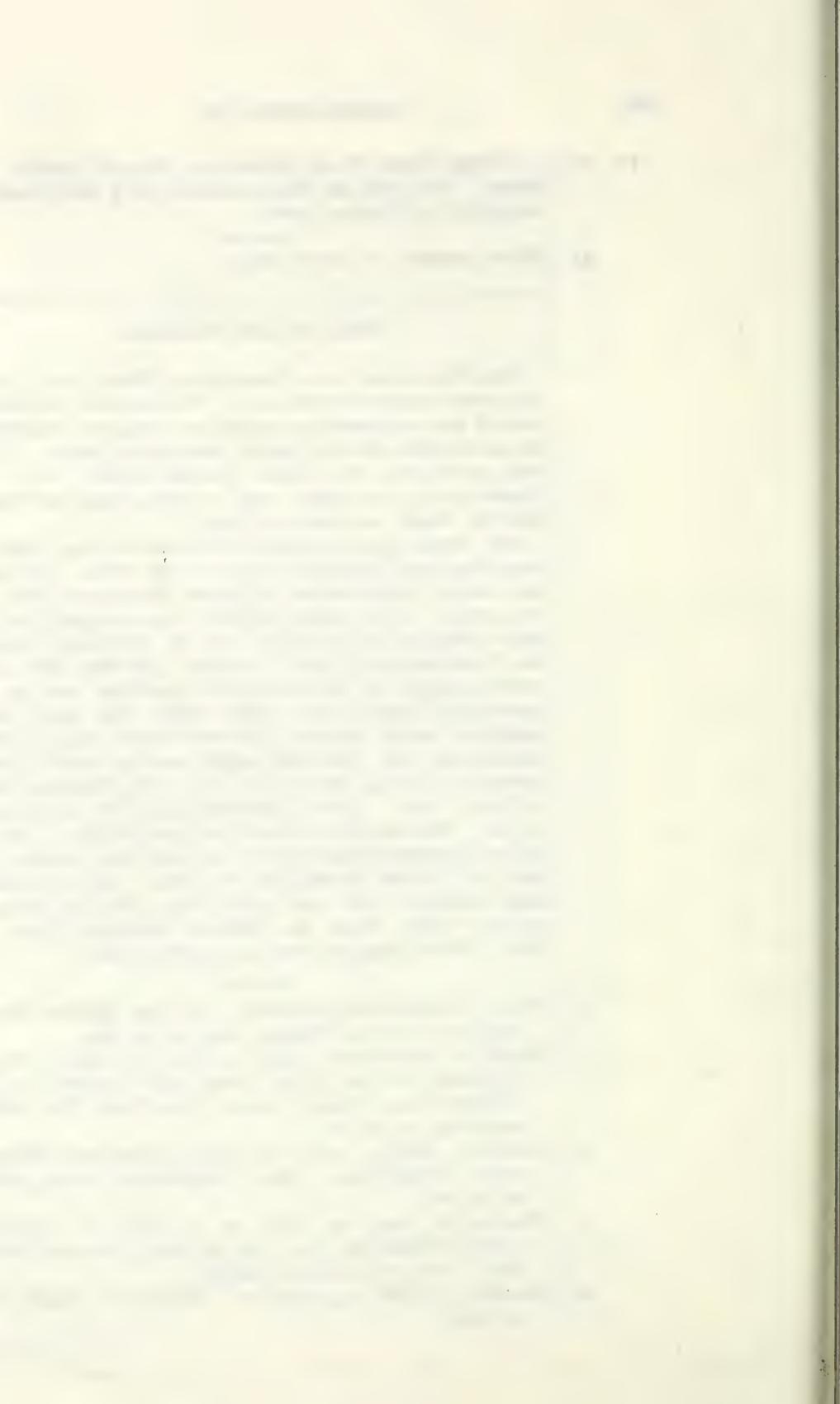
35 *Helen Amanda*, b. May 6, 1855.

### THE EVANS FAMILY.

1 ASA EVANS was b. in Leominster, Mass., Oct 4, 1760. He came to town in 1784 or 5. We find him elected as one of the selectmen as early as 1793, and chosen to the same office for the twelve succeeding years. There was associated with him Thomas Steele, who was chosen every year from 1793 to 1805, and with them, Charles Stuart, six years to 1799.

Mr. Evans appears to have been one of the most enterprising and influential men of the town. He built and kept a public house, or in the language of the day "a tavern," in the same building now occupied for the same purpose, in the upper part of the village beyond the Peterborough Cotton Factory. He was also many years engaged in the mercantile business, and at the same time carried on a large farm. He had a large family of twelve children, the two eldest being born in Leominster, *viz.*, John and Asaph, and the rest in Peterborough. He m., 1st w., Oct. 25, 1781, Dorothy Buss, b. May 8, 1761. She d. Peterborough, Dec. 24, 1807, æ. 47 yrs. She was the mother of all his children. He m., 2d w., Margaret Moore, widow of late John Moore, and dau. of Charles Stuart, July 13, 1809. He d., after a short illness of five and a half days, Oct. 16, 1813, æ. 57 yrs. Mrs. Evans m. Richard Gilchrist, Sept. 15, 1816. She d. Aug. 7, 1818, æ. 50 yrs., 8 mos.

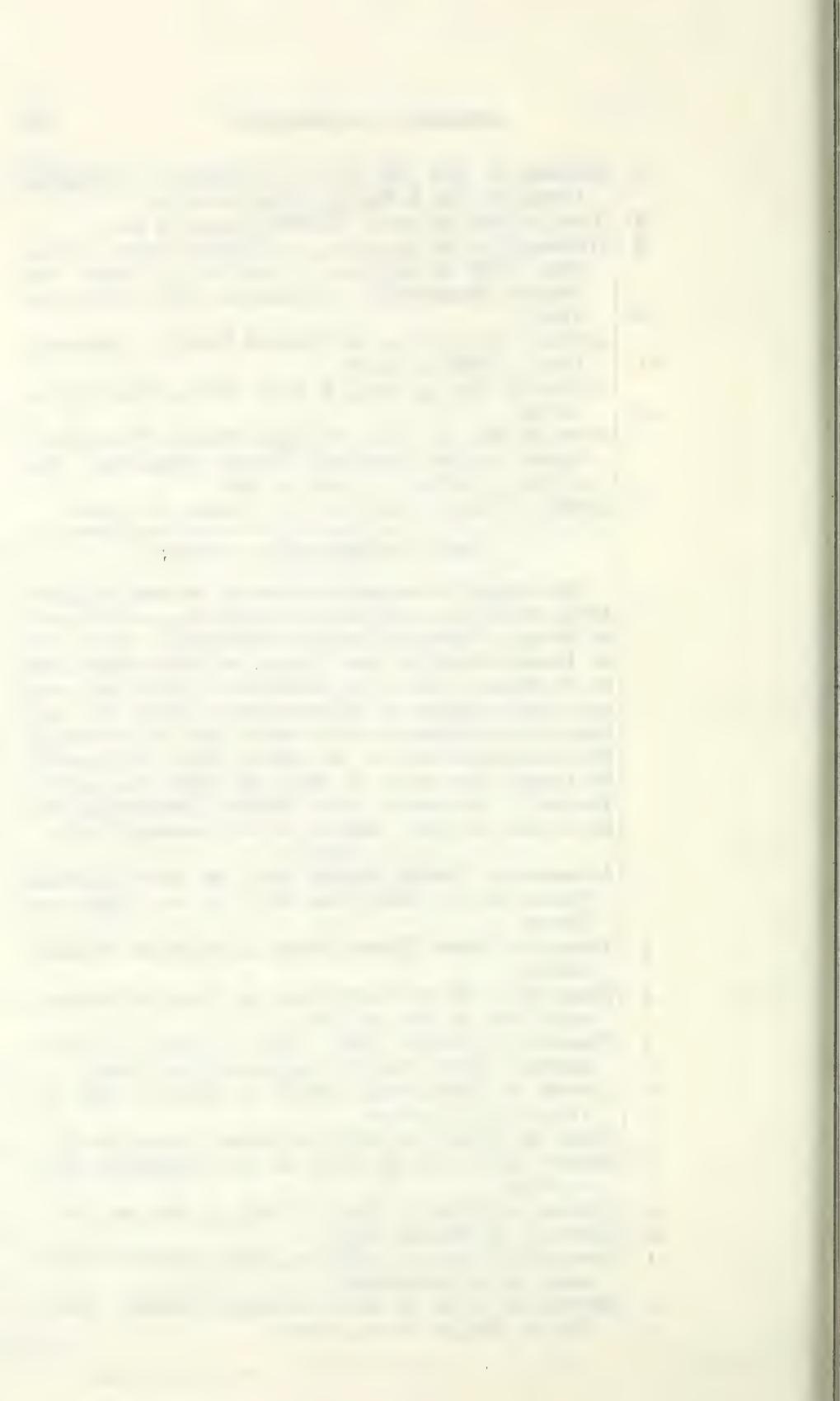
- 2 *John*, b. Leominster, March 9, 1782; m. Martha Stuart, April 22, 1805; d. Boston, 1854, æ. 72 yrs.
- 3 *Asaph*, b. Leominster, July 13, 1784; m., 1st w., Betsey Ferguson; 2d w., Mary Green, of Concord; 3d w., Widow Almira Davis. He d. New York City, February, 1842, æ. 58 yrs.
- 4 *Samuel*, b. May 2, 1786; m., 1st w., Margaret Allison; 2d w., Sarah Chase. He d. Hopkinton, Jan. 25, 1868, æ. 82 yrs.
- 5 *Prudence*, b. Aug. 25, 1788; m. Dr. Wm. P. Cutter, of Jaffrey, March 26, 1807; m., 2d hus., Frederick Read. She d. Nov. 16, 1828, æ. 40 yrs.
- 6 *Dorothy*, b. April 24, 1790; m. Timothy C. Ames, Jan. 14, 1813.



- 7 | *Artemas*, b. Jan. 29, 1792; m. Widow — Wiggins, Concord. He d. May 25, 1818, æ. 26 yrs.
- 8 | *Luke*, b. Sept. 13, 1793. Nothing known of him.
- 9 | *Nathaniel*, b. Dec. 22, 1795; m. Harriet Wiggin, of Concord. She d. 1835, æ. 35 yrs.; 2d w., Mary Ann Stanley, Hopkinton; r. Hopkinton. He d. May 23, 1876.
- 10 | *Alpha*, b. July 3, 1797; m. Hannah Emery; d. Roxbury, Dec. 2, 1828, æ. 32 yrs.
- 11 | *Stephen*, b. Nov. 3, 1799; d. Little Rock, Ark., 1825, æ. 26 yrs.
- 12 | *Mary*, b. Sept. 27, 1801; m. Capt. Charles Chase, Hopkinton; 2d hus., Samuel R. Adams, Hopkinton. She d. July 30, 1874, æ. 72 yrs., 11 mos.
- 13 | *Louisa*, b. Aug. 10, 1803; d. Oct. 2, 1826, æ. 23 yrs.
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### THE FAIRBANKS FAMILY.

- 1 | EBENEZER FAIRBANKS is the son of the late Asa Fairbanks, of Dublin, and was b. May 28, 1794, and is uncle to Moses A. Fairbanks, hereafter mentioned. He m., 1st w., Betsey Wilder, b. Nov. 6, 1794, in Peterborough, and re. to Mount Tabor, Vt., where they lived five years, and then returned to Peterborough in 1822. He has lived in the village since his return, and is now one of the oldest inhabitants of the place. He is a carpenter by trade. His 1st w. d. Sept. 23, 1828; m., 2d w., Eleanor C. Farnsworth, dau. Timothy Farnsworth, Dublin, b. Jan. 28, 1801. Six ch., 1st w.; seven ch., 2d w.
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- 2 | †*Amaziah*, b. Dublin, Sept. 7, 1814; m., 1st w., Lucinda Pierce; 2d w., Mary Ann Holt; 3d w., Phila Ann Pierce.
- 3 | *Betsey*, b. Mount Tabor, March 6, 1817; m. William Grimes.
- 4 | *Nancy H.*, b. Mount Tabor, June 15, 1820; d. Peterborough, Jan. 30, 1827, æ. 6 yrs.
- 5 | *James W.*, b. Mount Tabor, Dec. 14, 1822; m. Lydia Searles. He d. June 28, 1865, æ. 42 yrs., 6 mos.
- 6 | *Lorenzo*, b. Peterborough, April 21, 1825; d. Feb. 22, 1827, æ. 1 yr., 10 mos.
- 7 | *Nancy A.*, b. May 29, 1828; m. Daniel Carter; ten ch.
- 8 | *Eleanor H.*, b. Jan. 29, 1830; m. Levi Fairbanks, May 19, 1847.
- 9 | *Lorenzo A.*, b. Nov. 9, 1831; d. Aug. 15, 1833, æ. 1 yr.
- 10 | *Elvira F.*, b. Oct. 28, 1833.
- 11 | *George W.*, b. Oct. 14, 1835; m., 1st w., Sarah H. Rodman; 2d w., Dora Abbot.
- 12 | *Merrick G.*, b. Jan. 9, 1838; m. Mary A. Larkin. He d. Nov. 2, 1866, æ. 28 yrs., 9 mos.



- 13 *Amna C.*, b. Nov. 23, 1839; m. Charles Upton; b. Jan. 6, 1837.
- 14 *Josephine C.*, b. June 13, 1845; m., 1869, Charles H. Townsend; b. March 1, 1842; ch., (1) Willis M., b. Jan. 30, 1870; (2) Frederick C., b. Dec. 11, 1873.
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- 1-2 **AMAZIAH FAIRBANKS.** He m. Lucinda Pierce. She d. Aug. 17, 1841; 2d w., Mary Ann Holt; d. Sept. 19, 1860; 3d w., Phila Ann Pierce, July 3, 1868; d. June 21, 1873.
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- 15 *Mary L.*, b. March 28, 1844; m. George A. Towns, Jan. 1, 1861; two ch.
- 16 *Alfred*, b. 1858; d. young.
- 17 *Lizzie Eldora*, b. April 20, 1860.
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- 1 MOSES A. FAIRBANKS, son of Moses and Jane Harper Fairbanks, of Dublin, b. Sept. 29, 1822; m. Aug. 9, 1844, Abigail Hadley, dau. Thomas Hadley. He d. April 10, 1862, æ. 40 yrs., 7 mos.
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- 18 *Mary S.*, b. Feb. 15, 1845; m. Ezra M. Smith, Esq., lawyer in Peterborough.
- 19 *Albert H.*, b. Nov. 17, 1846; re. to Missouri.
- 20 *Ellen L.*, b. Sept. 3, 1848.
- 21 *Abbie E.*, } b. May 23, 1851. { d. 1874.
- 22 *Etta F.*, } b. May 23, 1851. { d. March 16, 1861, æ. 9 yrs., 9 mos.
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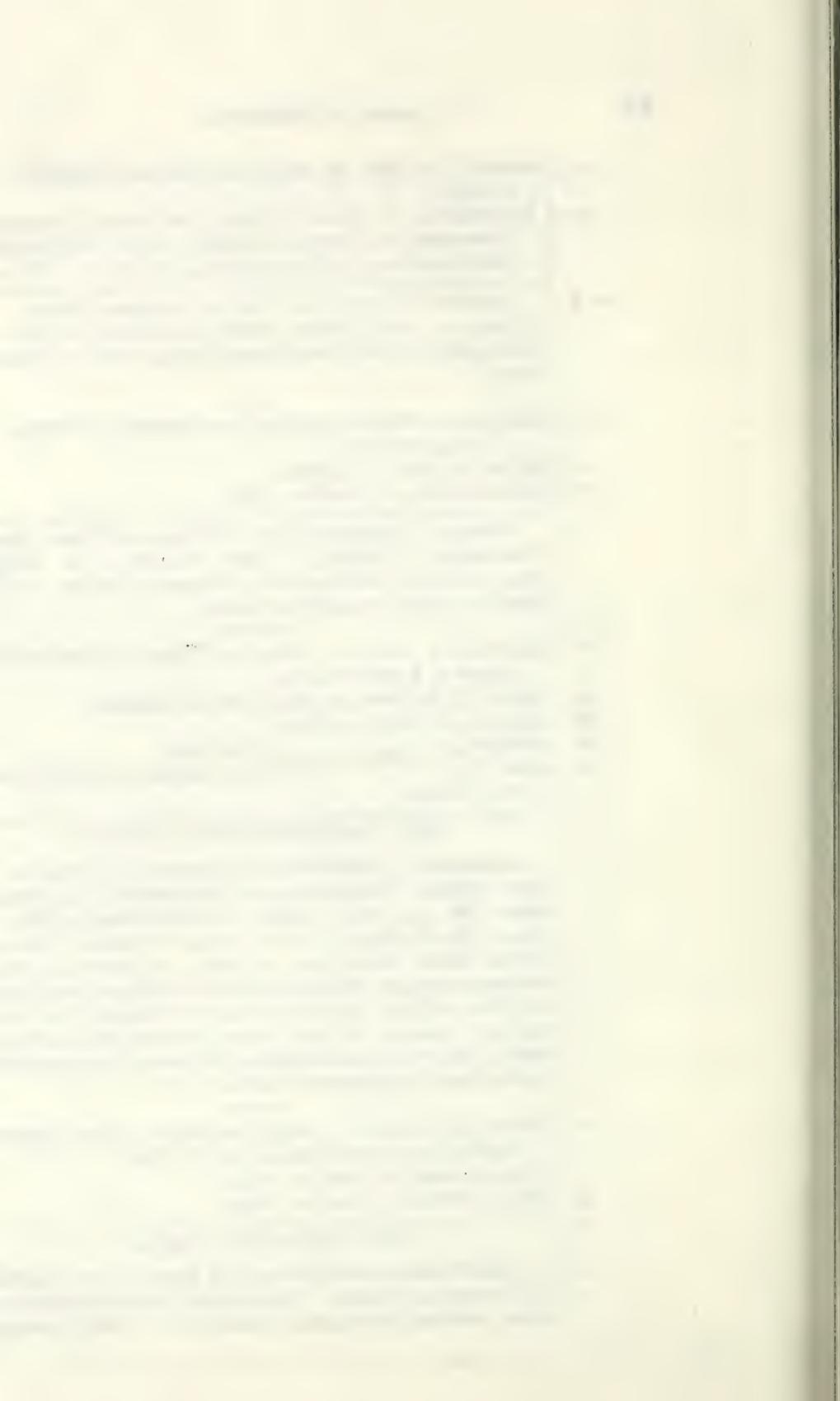
#### THE FARNSWORTH FAMILY.

- 1 ANDREW A. FARNSWORTH (Deacon), the son of the late Andrew Farnsworth, of Bakersfield, Vt., was b. there Oct. 30, 1817; came to Peterborough, Nov. 10, 1832. He m. Sarah T. Field, dau. of Deacon John and Beulah Reed Field, Sept. 6, 1841. A tanner by trade, he has carried on the business of tanning at the old shop of Deacon Field, father and son for twenty-four years. He is a deacon in the Union Evangelical Church in town; has held various offices in town; Representative to the State Legislature in 1860, '61.

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- 2 *Henry A.*, b. Nov. 23, 1843; m. June 1, 1870, Laura J. Neville, b. in New Boston, July 4, 1847.
- 3 *John Hermon*, b. June 17, 1846.
- 4 *Willis Andrew*, b. Aug. 2, 1849.
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#### THE FARNUM FAMILY.

- 1 JOHN FARNUM was the son of Joseph and Arathusa G. Farnum, of Wilton. He came to Peterborough about 1820; worked for Samuel Smith for a time, afterwards



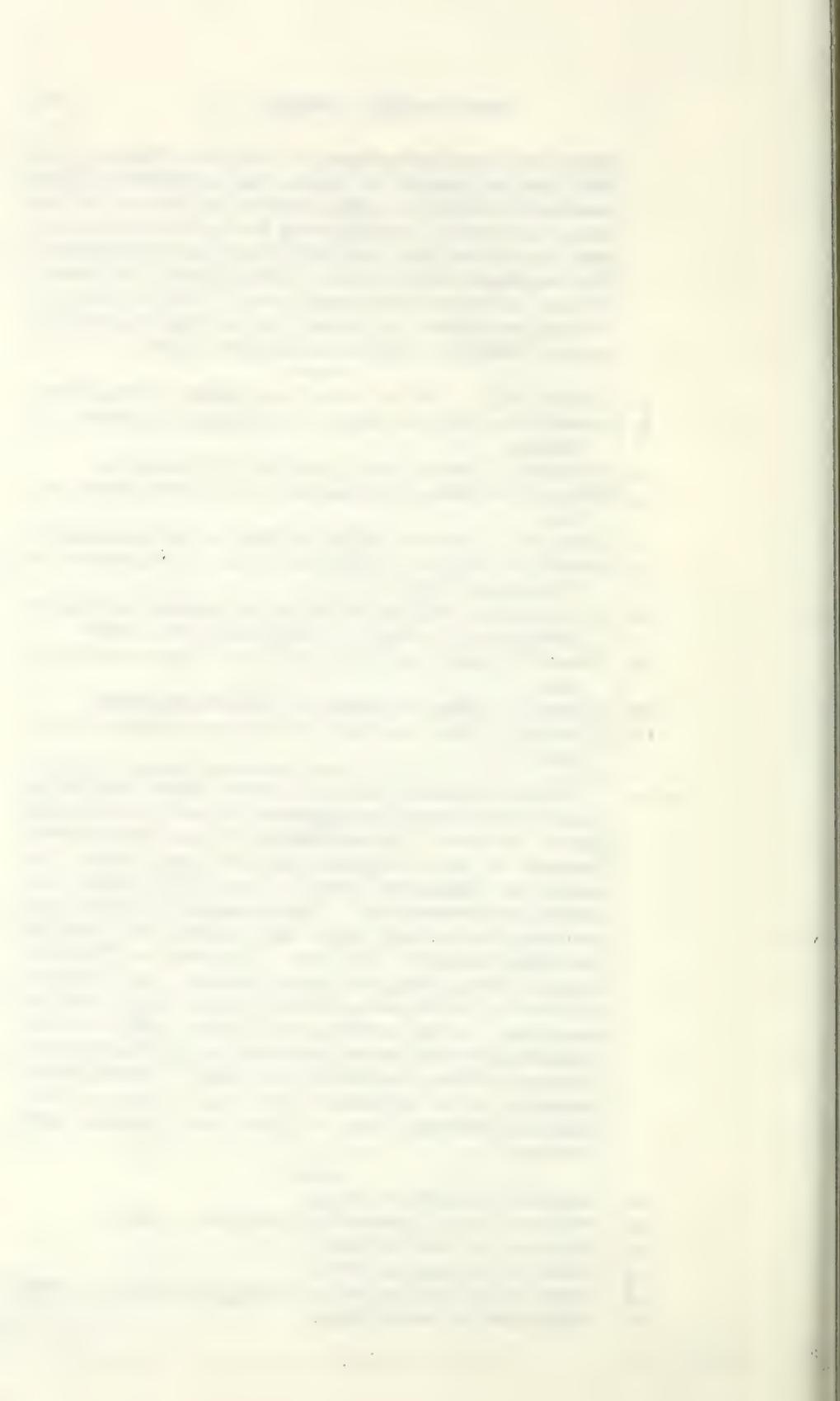
drove his heavy horse-teams to and from Boston; and still later he bought the teams, and performed all the teaming for the stores and factories to Boston for this town, and some of the adjoining towns, for many years, until the railroad was completed from Boston to Nashua. He also kept a hotel in the "Loring Block" at Carter's Corner (so-called) for several years. He m. Mary N. Withington, March 17, 1829. He d. Feb. 25, 1850, æ. 49 yrs. Mary N. d. Sept. 19, 1856, æ. 46 yrs.

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- 2 *Justina M.*, b. Feb. 21, 1830; m. George Ditton, Iowa.  
 3 *Aurelia*, b. Oct. 12, 1831; m. George A. Damon; r. Boston.  
 4 †*Joseph*, b. June 29, 1833; m. Mary A. Emerson.  
 5 *Mary E.*, b. Dec. 16, 1834; m. — Garritt, Rockford, Iowa.  
 6 *John W.*, b. Sept. 13, 1836; d. Nov. 10, 1860, æ. 24 yrs.  
 7 *Almira*, b. May 22, 1838; m. T. E. B. Whitmore; r. Chickasaw, Iowa.  
 8 *C. Henry*, b. Jan. 29, 1840; d. in military service in Covington, Ky., Aug. 17, 1863, æ. 23 yrs., 6 mos.  
 9 *Charles*, b. April 12, 1842; d. July 3, 1844, æ. 2 yrs., 2 mos.  
 10 *George F.*, b. Sept. 14, 1845; r. Cochituate, Mass.  
 11 *Ellen M.*, b. Nov. 20, 1847; d. Feb. 20, 1849, æ. 1 yr., 3 mos.

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I- 4 JOSEPH FARNUM lives on Concord Street, first house south of the Union Congregational Church, on the same side of the road. He commenced to learn the printing business in the *Transcript* office in June, 1850. Removed to Chickasaw, Iowa, in June, 1855, having purchased government land. Was engaged in farming and teaching for a time, when he resumed his trade of printing at Charles City, Iowa. Returned to Peterborough in Sept., 1857, and again entered the *Transcript* office as a journeyman, which place he held, with the exception of a few months, until March, 1866, when he became editor and senior proprietor of the Peterborough *Transcript*, which position he now holds. He was Representative to the legislature 1873, '74; m. May 9, 1852, Mary A. Emerson, dau. of David and Lorinda Gray Emerson.

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- 12 *Charles F.*, b. Jan. 16, 1855.  
 13 *William D.*, b. Charles City, Iowa, Jan. 8, 1857.  
 14 *Harry E.*, b. Nov. 6, 1858.  
 15 *Nellie M.*, b. Aug. 22, 1862.  
 16 *John H.*, b. March 9, 1865; d. Aug. 21, 1865; æ. 5 mos.  
 17 *Mary Alice*, b. Oct. 8, 1872.

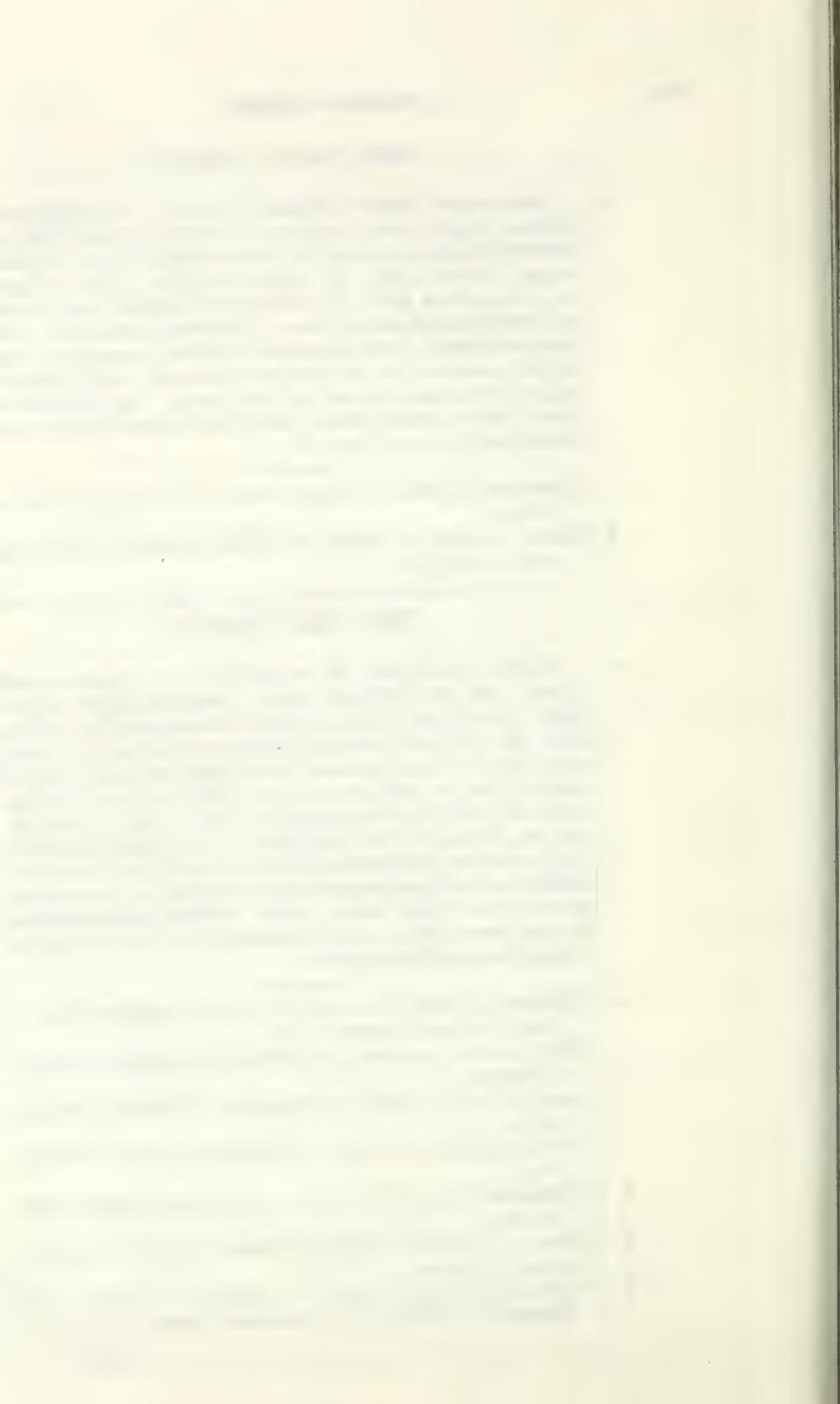


## THE FAXON FAMILY.

- 1 JONATHAN FAXON (Deacon), was b. in Braintree, Mass., July 23, 1765, and m., in 1793, Abigail Ellis, of Sandwich, Mass., and re. to Peterborough about the year 1797. He d. April 13, 1849, æ. 83 yrs. She d. April 11, 1843, æ. 74 yrs. His father and mother both came to Peterborough and d. here. He was a deacon in the Baptist Church, and one of its earliest supporters, and highly esteemed for his integrity, honesty, and Christian spirit. He was the salt of the earth. He purchased the Charles Stuart farm, and lived there some years, where both he and his w. d.
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- 2 *Jonathan*, b. Sept. —, 1796; unm.; d. Oct. 15, 1862, æ. 66 yrs.
- 3 *Eliza*, b. April 30, 1800; m. Ethan Hadley; d. July 25, 1825, æ. 25 yrs.

## THE FELT FAMILY.

- 1 OLIVER FELT was the seventh ch. of Jonathan and Lovell Felt, of Dedham, Mass. Jonathan Felt was b. June 3, 1719, and d. from an injury occasioned by falling from his cow-yard bars at Peterborough, May 16, 1786, æ. 67 yrs. Oliver Felt was b. in Dedham, Dec. 3, 1758, and d. Dec. 19, 1829, æ. 71 yrs. He m. Mary Dunlap, Aug. 14, 1788, in Peterborough, who d. Sept. 9, 1830, æ. 64 yrs., 8 mos., b. Dec. 22, 1765. His father, Jonathan Felt, came to Peterborough with his family, in 1780, and settled on land purchased of John White, on Street road, north of the John Smith place. Oliver succeeded him in the same place as a blacksmith, and followed the occupation until late in life.
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- 2 *Tryphena*, b. Sept. 26, 1790; m. James Buckley, Feb. 17, 1820; r. Cape Vincent, N. Y.
- 3 *Mary*, b. Oct. 30, 1792; m. Samuel May, April 13, 1815; r. Sharon.
- 4 *Irene*, b. Oct. 9, 1796; m. Jeremiah S. Steele, April 29, 1823,
- 5 †*Ira*, b. April 28, 1799; m. Elizabeth Jewett, April 28, 1825.
- 6 †*Jonathan*, b. April 25, 1802; m. Susan Caldwell, May 18, 1829.
- 7 *Oliver*, b. June 18, 1804; d. Montebello, Ill., Aug. 29, 1834, æ. 30 yrs.
- 8 †*Cyrus*, b. July 27, 1807; m. Abby R. Brown; 2 w., Martha S. Marsh; 3 w., Caroline Lyman.



- 1- 5     IRA FELT m. Elizabeth Jewett, dau. John and Margaret Moore Jewett, April 28, 1825. He settled on the homestead, where he d. Oct. 11, 1826, æ. 27 yrs., 5 mos.
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- 9     *Elizabeth*, b. ——, 1826; d. Sept. 2, 1830, æ. 4 yrs.
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- 1- 6     JONATHAN FELT. He always r. in town. He m. Susan Caldwell, dau. Thomas and Eliza C. Caldwell, May 18, 1829. He d. March 30, 1870, æ. 68 yrs.
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- 10     *Jonathan*, b. Feb. 19, 1830.
- 11     *George*, b. April 23, 1832; d. Oct. 20, 1852, æ. 20 yrs., 6 mos.
- 12     *Oliver*, b. July 14, 1834; m. Rosa Como, Feb. 22, 1872; r. Newton.
- 13     *Eliza Jane*, b. Sept. 14, 1838; d. Nov. 7, 1857, æ. 19 yrs.
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- 1- 8     CYRUS FELT. He re. to Montebello, Ill., about 1832. He m. Abby R. Brown, Jan. 5, 1834. She d. Sept. 3, 1834; m., 2d w., Martha S. Marsh, Sept. 29, 1836; she d. Jan. 29, 1852, æ. 34 yrs., 9 mos.; 3d w., Caroline Lyman, March 21, 1856, of Rose, N. Y.; d.; ch. One son was killed in the late war, and only one dau. survives, who m. —— Brown. He d. suddenly at Montebello, Ill., Jan. 16, 1872, æ. 65 yrs.
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- 2     STEPHEN FELT is of a family distinct from the preceding. He was b. in Temple, Sept. 15, 1793. He came to Peterborough as a machinist in 1816, and was engaged principally in the cotton manufacture till he left the business in 1845. He has since r. at the South Village; m., 1st w., Mary K. Ames, dau. of Timothy and Sarah Kneeland Ames, May 23, 1818. She d. Oct. 21, 1844, æ. 45 yrs. She was the mother of five ch.; 2d w., Eliza H. Morison, Sept. 18, 1845. She d. Aug. 14, 1867, æ. 62 yrs. She had one son.
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- 14     *Sarah M.*, b. Aug. 29, 1820; d. April 23, 1822, æ. 2 yrs.
- 15     †*Granville P.*, b. Aug. 22, 1822; m. Jane B. Kimball, Dec. 3, 1846.
- 16     *Mary K.*, b. Nov. 11, 1824; m. Charles Spaulding; r. Milford.
- 17     †*George A.*, b. July 22, 1834; m. July 29, 1855, Eliza Hadley.
- 18     †*John Ames*, b. May 8, 1837; m. Aug. 1, 1860, Emma Ann Willers.
- 19     †*Edward M.*, b. Nov. 27, 1847; m. Jan. 9, 1873, Josephine Rolf, of Jaffrey.
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- 2- 15     GRANVILLE PARKER FELT. He received his education in the common schools. He learned the machinist's



trade of Gay, Silver & Co., North Chelmsford, Mass., and first engaged in business in Peterborough in company with Josiah S. Morrison, they having bought out William Moore's machine-shop. They manufactured cotton and woolen machinery, and wood-working machines. Mr. Felt bought out his partner in 1851, and has since conducted the business alone. He built a foundry just west of his shop, in 1865, in which he has done much business. In 1871, he commenced the manufacture of force and suction pumps, in which business he is now largely engaged. He has constantly employed from twenty-five to thirty hands, and his yearly business has amounted to \$30,000 a year.

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1875, his shop took fire about 11, P. M., and was entirely consumed, with a large amount of stock, and almost all his valuable tools. The loss cannot be less than twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars, with only a small insurance. Being a man of indomitable perseverance, he again immediately resumed his business in the shop opposite to his works, which had fortunately been preserved in the conflagration, and will no doubt again recover what he has lost. He represented the town in the Legislature in 1863, '64. He is a director of the Peterborough Railroad. He has been too busy a man in his own affairs to find much time for public offices. He m. Jane B. Kimball, dau. Elijah B. Kimball, Dec. 3, 1846.

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20 *Granville*, b. Dec. 2, 1848; d. June 10, 1850, æ. 1 yr., 6 mos.

21 *Annie F.*, b. Nov. 22, 1852; m. David A. Rogers, Dec. 16, 1872; 1 ch., Arthur Granville, b. Aug. 23, 1873; d. Sept. 13, 1873, æ. 20 dys.

22 *Abby K.*, b. June 20, 1859.

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2- 17 **GEORGE A. FELT.** Is a machinist; m. July 29, 1855, Eliza Hadley, dau. Joel Hadley.

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23 *Albert*, b. March 29, 1857.

24 *John Ames*, b. June 24, 1859.

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2- 18 **JOHN AMES FELT** re. to Ohio; m., 1st w., Aug. 1, 1860, Emma Ann Willers, b. July 24, 1842; 2 ch. by 1st w. She d. — ; m. 2d w.

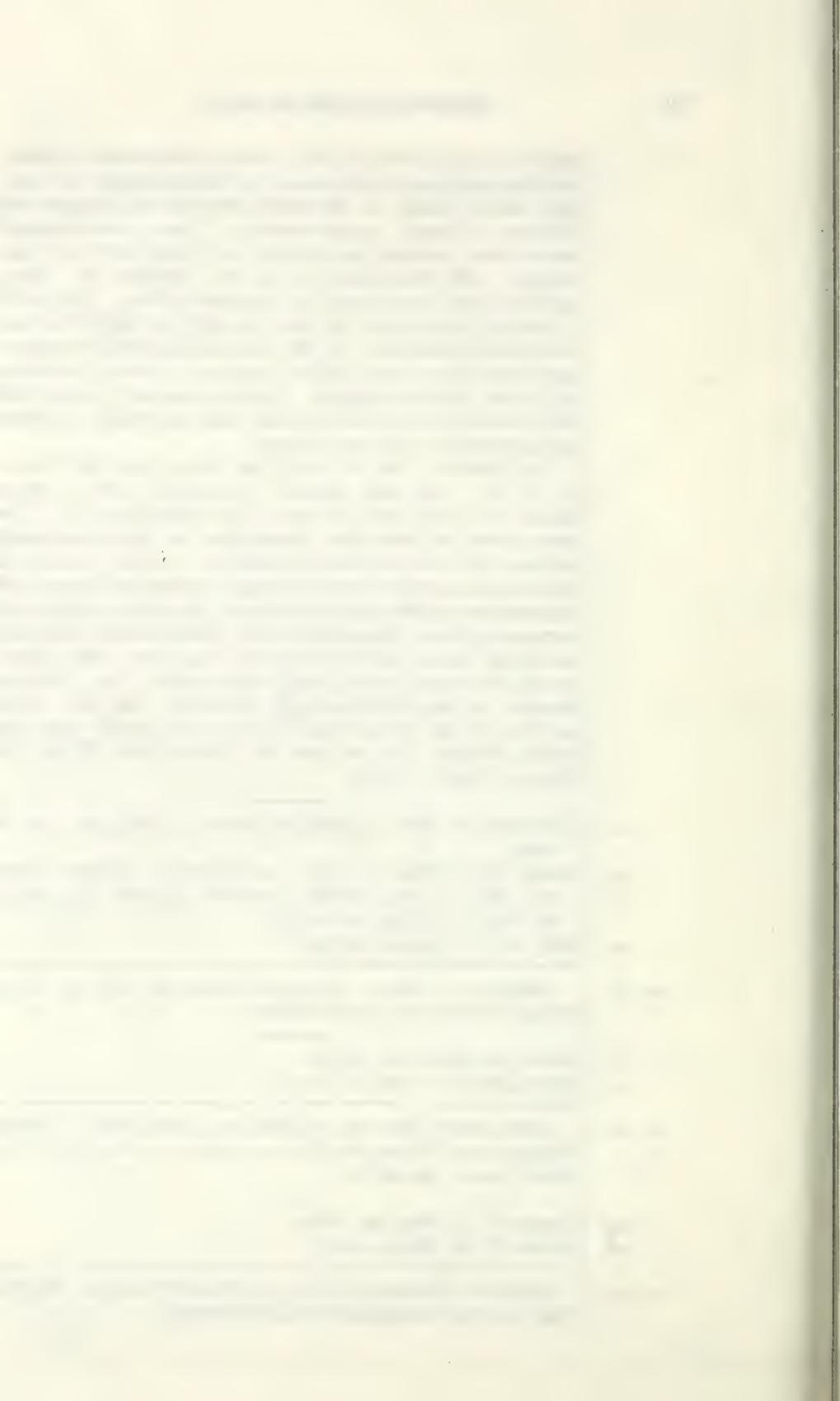
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25 *Emma C.*, b. Sept. 26, 1861.

26 *Elmer F.*, b. May 4, 1865.

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2- 19 **EDWARD MORISON FELT**; r. at South Village. He m. Jan. 9, 1873, Josephine Rolf, of Jaffrey.

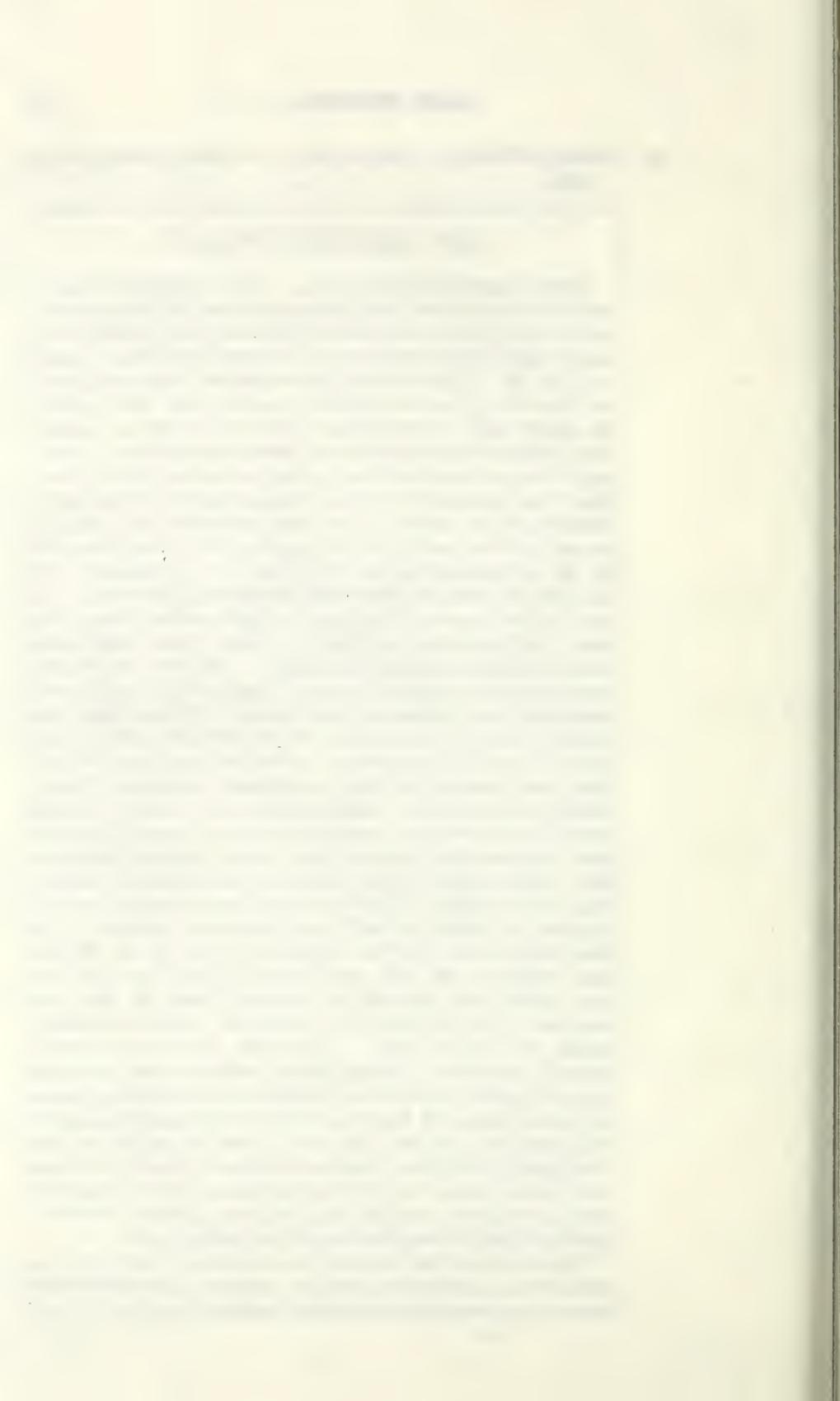


27 *Elmer Morison, b. Aug. 4, 1873; d. Sept. 9, 1873, æ. 35 dys.*

### THE FERGUSON FAMILY.

JOHN FERGUSON was b. 1704. It is supposed that he was born in Ireland, and probably came to this country in the company of the Smiths, Wilsons, and Littles, who made their first settlement at Lunenburg, Mass., about 1736 or '37. He no doubt accompanied these emigrants to Lunenburg, and with them took up his residence in the north part of the town. This residence at Lunenburg seems to have been but a temporary abode; a waiting till some new location, in the numerous towns about this time granted by the Massachusetts Legislature, should open to them. The early history of this man is somewhat obscure. He is supposed to have been one of the earliest settlers of the town. It is reported that he came to town the first time, which was between 1738 and '40, with one of the original proprietors, about the time the town was surveyed. It must have been some years before he removed his family. He soon afterwards purchased six hundred acres of land, which land, many years ago, was known as the Henry Ferguson farm, the Hadley farm, with a part of the Barber farm, and a part of the Norton Hunt place. After the purchase of this land, and before his final settlement, he visited Peterborough a number of times, and, at one time, he stayed there alone for three months, clearing a small piece of land, but spending most of his time in hunting and fishing. He carried the furs which he had taken to Lunenburg on his back. The town was then an unbroken wilderness, no roads, no mills, no bridges, or houses. The roof and floor of the first log-cabin, built by Mr. Ferguson, was made of split pine lumber. His first and second cabins were situated on the north bank of the Contoocook River, directly west from the present dwelling-house of Col. N. Hunt. The exact time of his settlement is uncertain, though most probably not far from 1750, at which time many families from Lunenburg came to town. He gave his son, Henry, two hundred acres of his purchase, or the Ferguson farm so called; to his daughter Esther, who married Charles Stuart, two hundred acres, where they lived, now known by the name of the Faxon farm; and to his daughter, Sarah Morrison, land in Windy Row, known as the Spring farm.

We can learn but little of his standing in society as a man, or his ability in point of talents. We know that when the town first organized, under the Act of Incor-

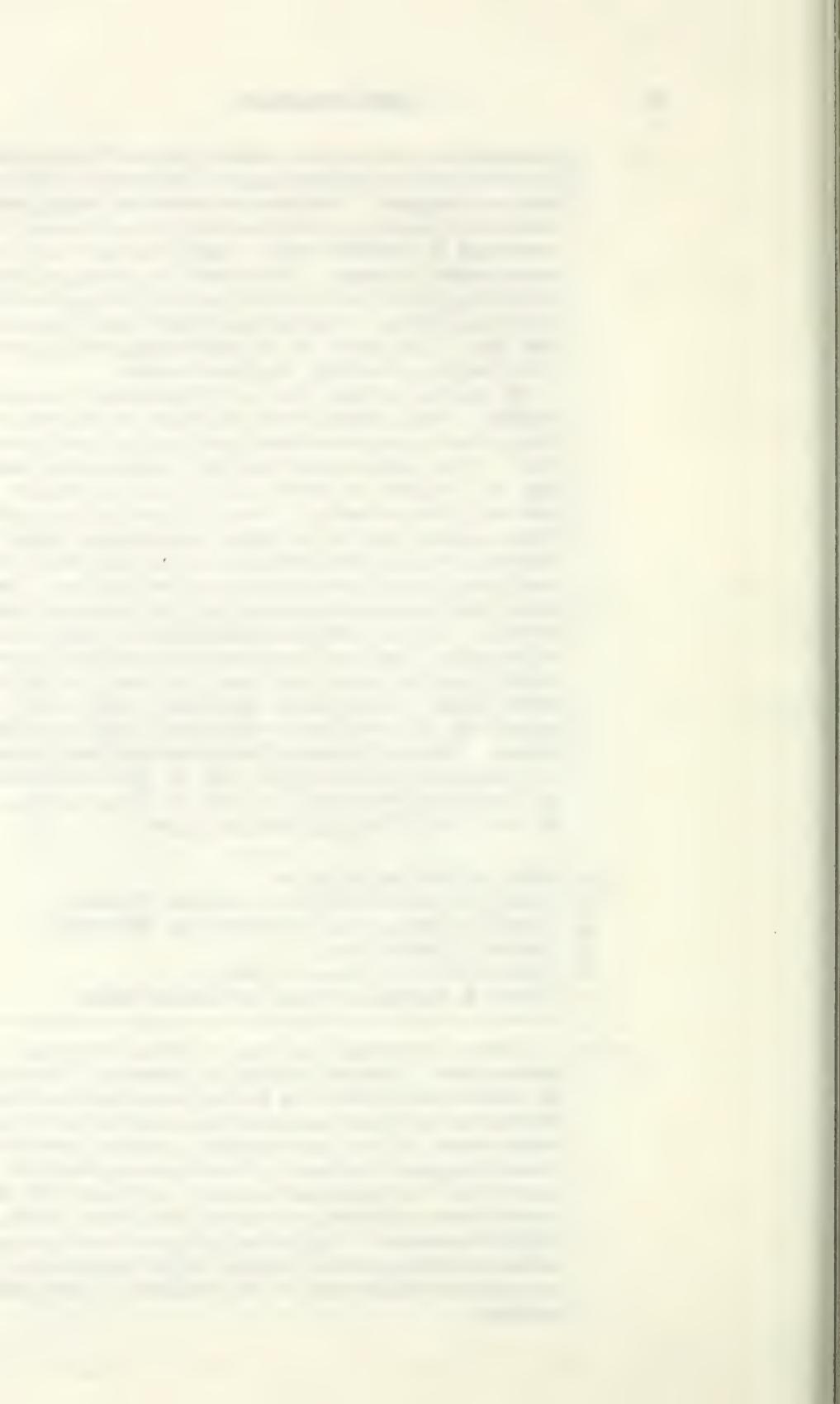


poration in 1760, he was chosen the first Town Clerk ; at which time he uniformly spelled his name on the records as Farguson. We have no means of telling when the *a* was changed to *e* in the name ; probably soon. He continued in the office seven years, and until only two years before his death. His record is a very good one ; the writing plain, but crowded so as to occupy as little space as possible. Stationery, in those times, was scarce and dear. His record of the proceedings was in plain, clear language, and with the fewest words.

He appears to have been a well-educated man, and, feeling a deep interest in the education of his own children, he set apart some hours each day for their instruction. It was soon known that John Ferguson was teaching his children at home, and his school rapidly increased to ten or twelve. Some of the scholars, coming from a distant part of the town, brought with them the material for their bean porridge, and an axe which they used morning. and evening, to pay their tuition. Great pains were taken in this school with the branch of hand-writing. The ink used was made from the bark of the white maple ; and their pens from the quills of the wild turkey ; and for paper they used the inner bark of the white birch. White birch bark was used in all the schools by the juveniles in writing until after the Revolution. Deacon Nathaniel Moore and wife both learned to write on white birch bark. He m. Sarah McDaniel, in Lunenburg, who was b. in 1710 ; d. Dec. 20, 1791, æ. 81 yrs. He d. May 13, 1769, æ. 65 yrs.

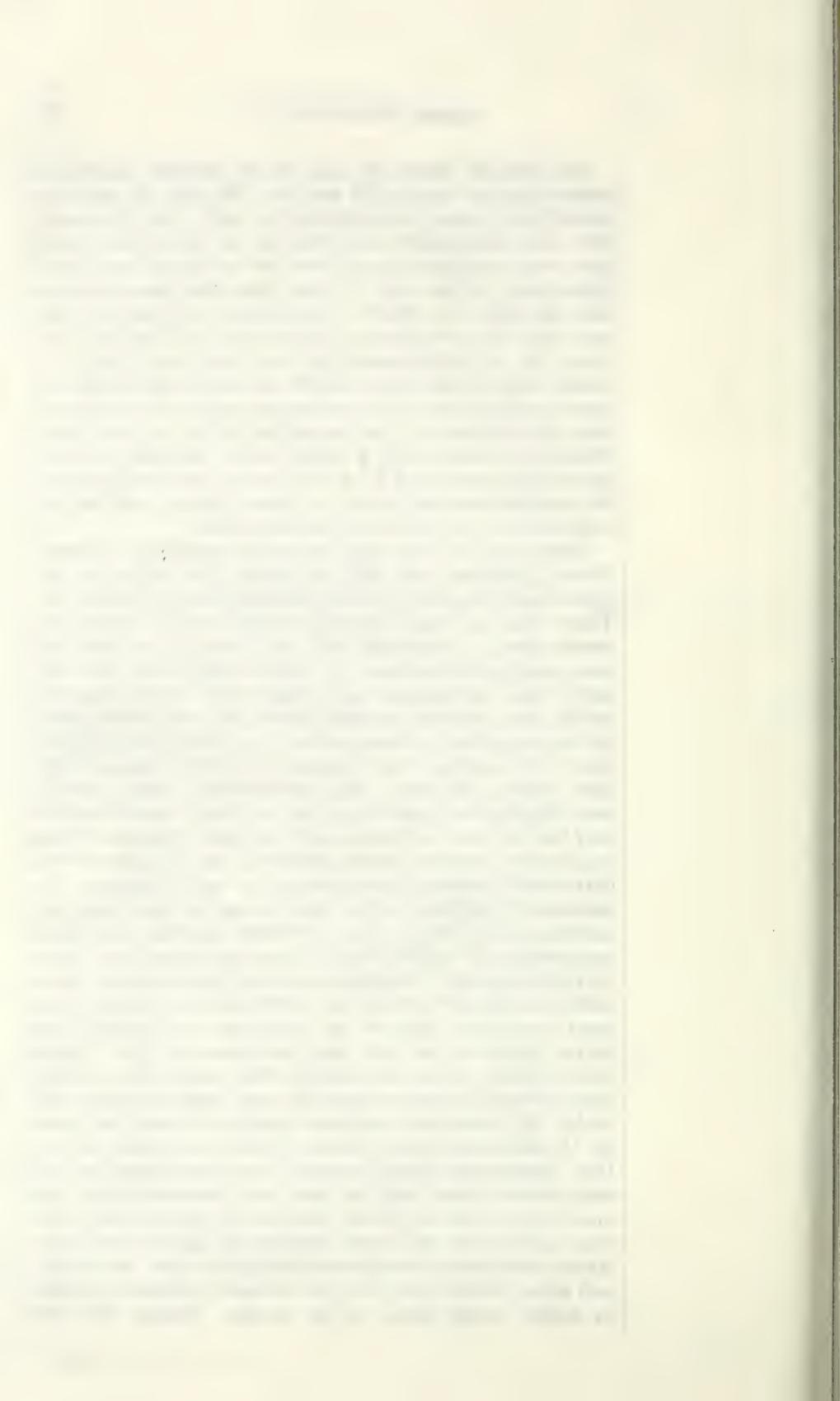
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- 2 Mary*, b. Dec. 22, 1734 ; m.
  - 3 †Henry*, b. Sept. 18, 1736 ; m. Martha Wilson.
  - 4 Sarah*, b. Aug. 4, 1740 ; m. Rev. John Morrison.
  - 5 Catrin*, b. June 8, 1742.
  - 6 John*, b. Nov. 13, 1744 ; d. young.
  - 7 Esther*, b. March 30, 1746 ; m. Charles Stuart.
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I- 3 HENRY FERGUSON was son of John Ferguson, but where born I am yet unable to ascertain. He came to Peterborough with his father, when he was about thirteen or fourteen years old, about 1748 or 9—a year when many of the early settlers came to town from Lunenburg and Townsend. We know very little of his early life, of his childhood nothing ; only that a life that proved such a blessing to society must have had early Christian culture. His father, being an intelligent and educated man, gave his children better opportunities for an education than most of the children of that period enjoyed.



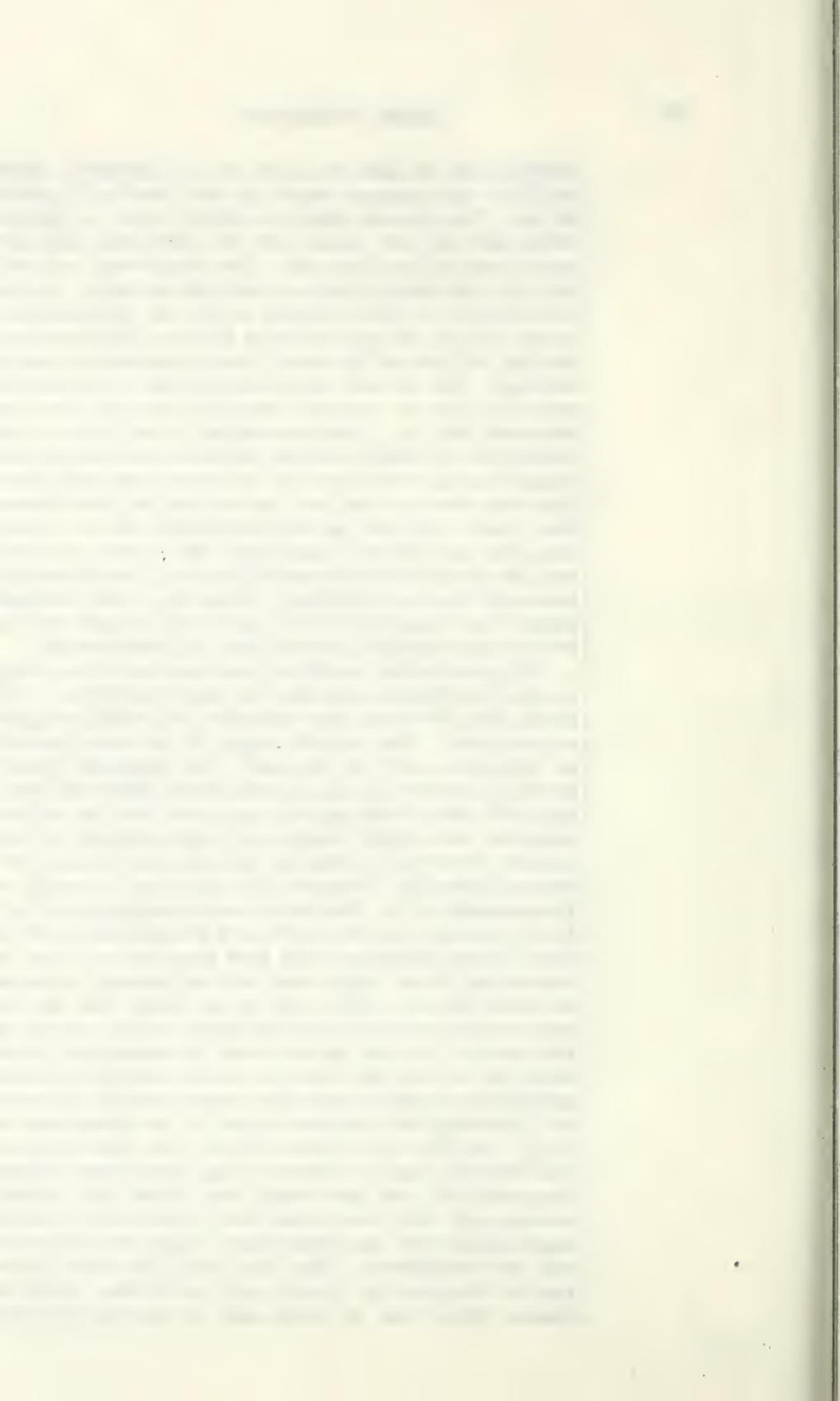
Yet without books or any of the modern means of instruction, we can hardly see how the work of teaching (mostly oral) could have resulted so well. Mr. Ferguson, with such instruction and training as his father could give, was considered one of the best-educated and intelligent men of his day. I find from the town records that he held the office of moderator in 1792, and was selectman for nine years, *viz.*, 1771, '7, '8, 1785, '8, '9, 1790, '1, '2; tithing-man for two years, *viz.*, 1783, '6. These were all the town offices he ever held, though he occasionally served on committees, and no doubt always kept his interest in the municipal affairs of the town. From my earliest days I have heard only the praise of this sainted man, and if he had faults, the sharp eyes of his contemporaries failed to discern them; and he has come down to us as the salt of the earth.

There was a long and intimate friendship between Henry Ferguson and William Smith (the father of the great Smith family), which continued through their lives. There was no doubt great congeniality of feeling between them. They were both mild, social, and discreet men, and loved the quiet of their homes more than the hurry and excitement of frontier life; they shunned rather than courted popular favor, and only took office for the benefit of others, and not for their own gratification. In a letter from George W. Moore, Esq., of Medina, Mich., he says: "My grandfather, Henry Ferguson, died before I was born, but all that I have heard of him has led me to form a very excellent opinion of him as a man of candor, justice, sobriety, and all those virtues that should adorn a true man and a real Christian. In matters of religion he put little stress in the creeds or ceremonies of this or that particular church, or in loud professions of religion that did not bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Religion with him was a simple covenant with his God, which he strove daily to keep. The most prominent trait of his character was his kindness to the poor, to the sick and unfortunate. His hands were always open to relieve their sufferings. They always found a shelter under his roof, and a seat at his table. If there was any poor family in town, he knew it. I have heard my mother [Sarah Ferguson, w. of Dea. Nathaniel Moore] say that he often went to mill with two or three bags of corn, and returned with but one of meal, having given away a large part of it. He was also a man of strict honesty in all his dealings, always scrupulous to represent an article just as it was, and always careful to give good measure, choosing rather to suffer wrong than to do wrong. About 1786 he



bought a lot of land of a Mr. A., of Stoddard, upon which the last payment was to be one hundred bushels of rye. The rye was ready for delivery, and my grandfather sent his son James and his hired man with two ox-teams to deliver the same. The roads were bad, and they did not reach Stoddard until late at night. In the morning James, being anxious to get an early start for home, told Mr. A. that his father had carefully measured the rye, and that all he would have to do was to empty the bags. Mr. A. told James that he had a half-bushel measure that was correct, and that the rye must be measured with it. After measuring a few bags, it was evident the rye would overrun measure, and Mr. A. told James that he would take it at his father's measure, since the roads were so bad, and he was so far from home. But James told him, as his half-bushel was a correct measure, and he had questioned his father's honesty, that the rye should be measured again if he did not get home till the next morning. When the task was completed, they found one hundred and two bushels, and he brought the two extra bushels back to Peterborough.

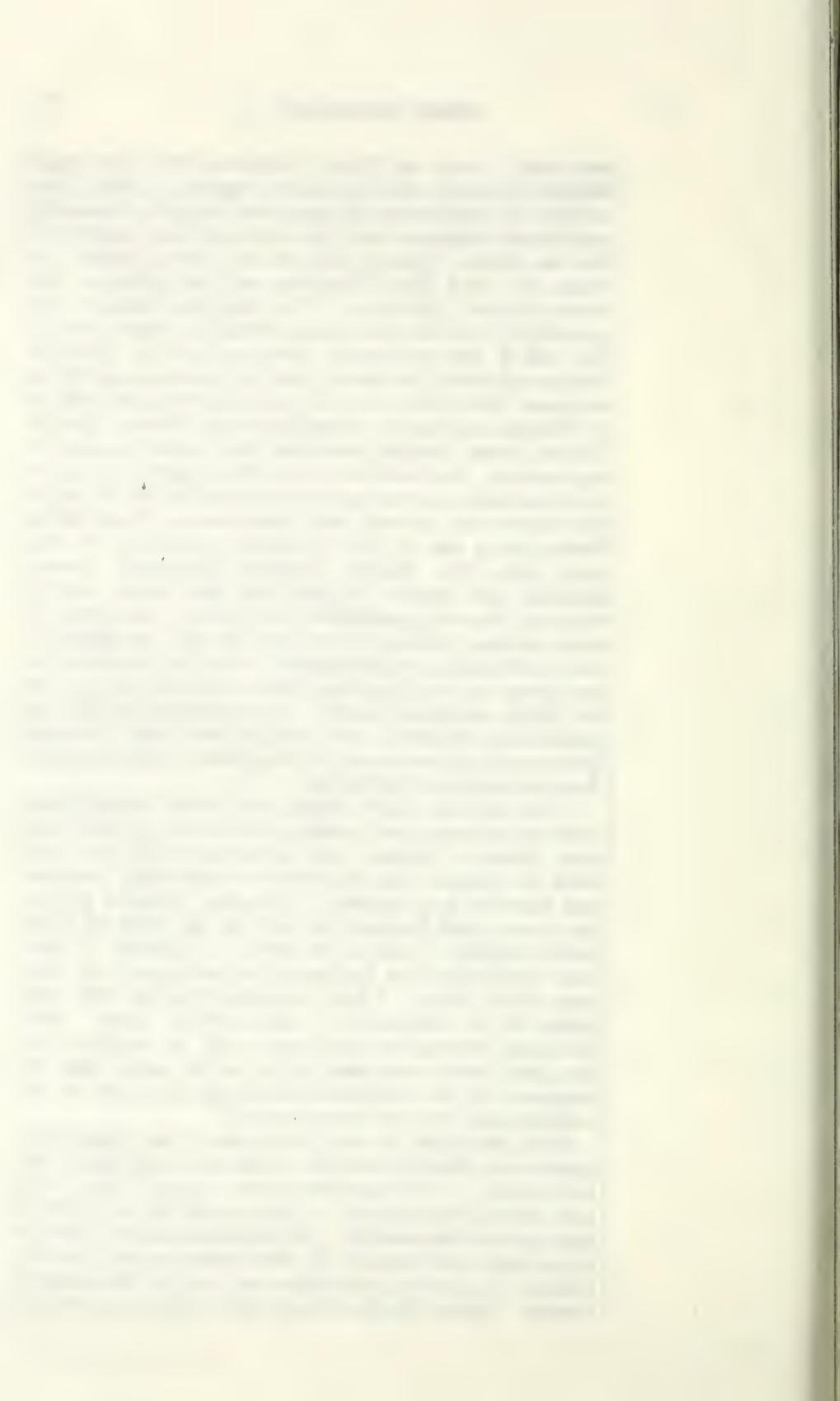
"My grandfather would not tamely submit to a wrong, or allow his friends so to do, if he could prevent it. His sister, Mrs. Morrison, was engaged in a lawsuit in regard to some land. She had the right of the case, but had no money to carry on the suit. He borrowed money for this purpose of Dr. K. Osgood, to the amount of \$500, and with this aid she gained her case; but he neither expected nor would receive any remuneration for the services rendered." Thus far Mr. Moore. It has been reported that Mr. Ferguson did not come in readily to the measures of the Revolution — not that he was a Tory by any means,—but he might have thought the action of the Colonies premature, and that there was no hope in contending, in our weak state, with so powerful a nation as Great Britain. There can be no doubt that he ultimately came in heartily with his friends to the support of the cause, if indeed he was ever lukewarm and backward, for we find his name, as Lieut. Henry Ferguson, among eleven others from town, who served in the army at Cambridge for forty-four days in the latter part of 1775. Mr. Moore, in another letter, has furnished me the following, as a reason why his grandfather, Henry Ferguson, did not and could not, under the circumstances, sign the Association Test or Declaration of Independence with the eighty-three others of his townsmen and neighbors. The Rev. John Morrison joined the British army at Boston soon after the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775, and he deserted his wife,



who was a sister of Henry Ferguson, with four small children, and with little means of support. After a few months the small stock of provisions became exhausted, and Henry Ferguson took his sister and her children to his own home. During this period letters passed between Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, and her situation was known to him. He says : "Mr. Morrison wrote to my grandfather that he had money which he would send to his wife if any one would come and get it. He also designated where he would meet the person sent, which was near New York City. My grandfather concluded to go himself, and after consulting with Deacon Samuel Moore, it was thought best that the journey should be kept secret. He therefore left Peterborough in the night on horseback, and was gone some days before his neighbors knew that he was away from home. Capt. David Steele, being one of the Committee of Safety for that year, with Wm. Robbe, Jotham Blanchard, Samuel Mitchell, and Robert Wilson (who had been severely censured by my grandfather at a public gathering in town not long before, for conduct he did not approve), taking advantage of his absence, started a report that he had given up the American cause, and had gone to join the British army in Canada. About the first of July my grandfather returned, and brought with him a certain quantity of gold, estimated at one pound of gold, or some three or four hundred dollars.

"The next day, Capt. Steele, with six of his neighbors, came to his house, and meeting him at the door said to him, 'Henry Ferguson, we understand that you have been to Canada, and we want to know your business, and examine your papers.' He asked them to go into the house, and handed the key of his desk to Capt. Steele, saying : 'I have not been to Canada. I have been about my own legitimate business, and the business of my family. I have conducted myself with propriety in my absence as I have always done.' Mrs. Morrison, fearing that the house would be searched and the gold found, went and hid it in the barn. But the frankness of Mr. Ferguson convinced the party of his honesty, and here the matter ended."

From the above it would be evident that Henry Ferguson was absent when this declaration was signed by his friends. It was presented the 17th of June, 1776, and immediately signed, as there could be no delay in that crisis of the country. So no imputation of disloyalty can rest upon him, for all the circumstances of his life indicate his earnest patriotism and zeal in the cause of liberty. He m. Martha Wilson, who d. Oct. 30, 1815, æ.



76 yrs. This excellent man became a victim of an epidemic fever which prevailed in town, April 1, 1812, æ. 75 yrs., and well may it be said of such a man, as quoted by Rev. E. Dunbar, in his notice of his death on the church records :—

“Incorrupta fides, undique veritas, quando ullum  
Invenient parem, multis ille flebilis occidet.”

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- 8 *John*, b. 1768. He went South in early life, and became a successful merchant in Coosawhatchie, Beaufort Co., S. C. In 1807 he gave up his business, and retired to his plantation, Coosawhatchie Swamp, where he d. March 28, 1828, of a cancer in the eye. He was never married, though he left children out of the pale of wedlock, to whom he willed his large property of money, lands, and negroes.
- 9 †*James*, b. Feb. 13, 1770; m. Mary Howard, July 18, 1811.
- 10 *Jane*, b. 1773; m. George Duncan, Jr.
- 11 *Sarah*, b. Aug. 4, 1775; m. Deacon Nathaniel Moore.
- 12 *Henry*, b. 1777; unm.; d. in the autumn 1818, at Coosawhatchie, S. C.
- 13 *Thomas*, b. 1779; unm.; d. at Ashapoo, Colleton Co., S. C., April 14, 1834, æ. 54 yrs., 7 mos.
- 14 *Martha*, b. 1781; m. Gen. James Miller; d. Greenfield, May 12, 1805, æ. 23 yrs.
- 15 *Betsey*, b. Nov. 28, 1783; m. Asaph Evans, Aug. 30, 1808; d. Aug. 18, 1816, æ. 33 yrs.
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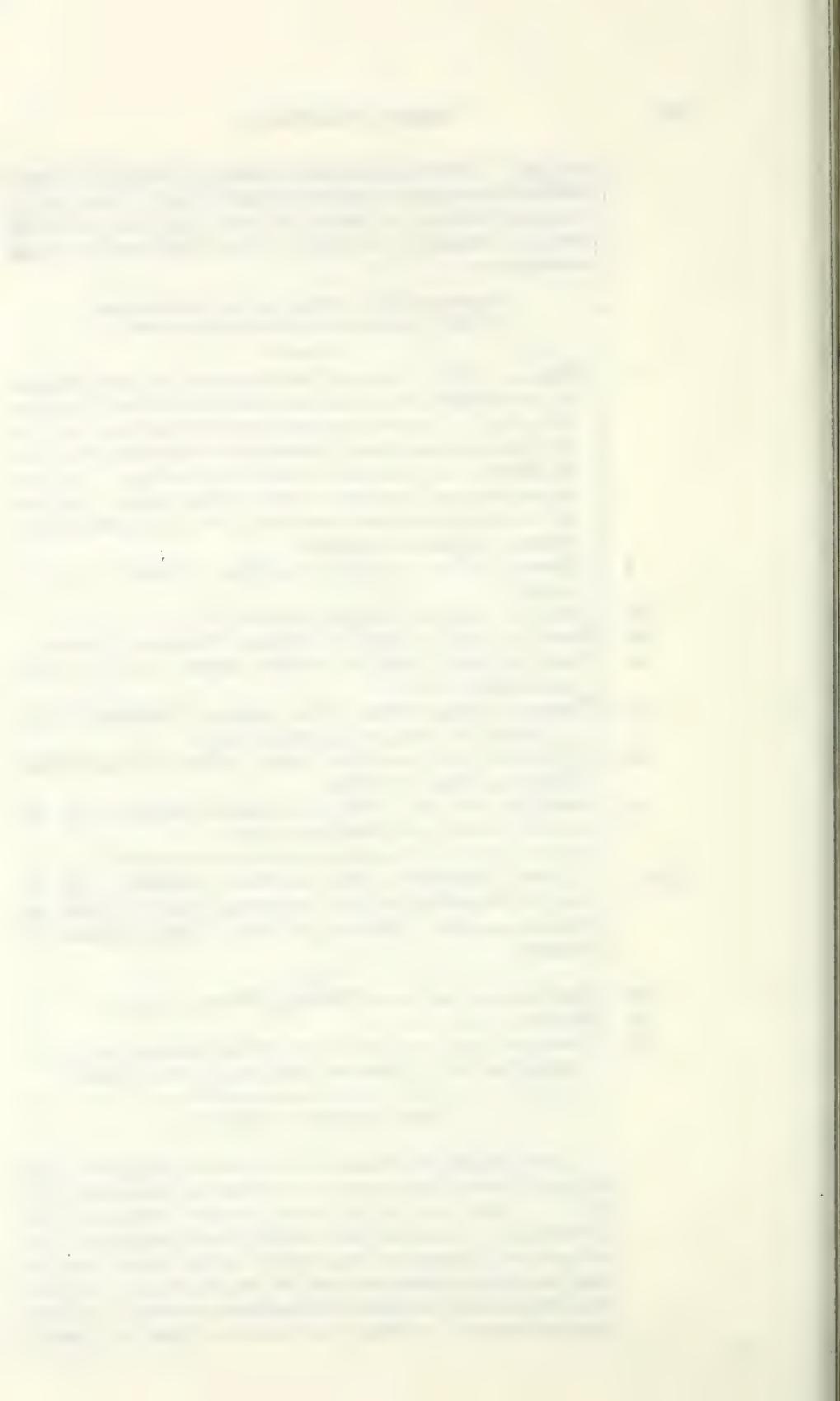
3- 9 JAMES FERGUSON. He m. Mary Howard, July 18, 1811. He settled on the homestead, and d. April 30, 1814, æ. 44 yrs. She m., 2d hus., Elias Boynton, of Temple.

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- 16 *Jane*, b. — ; m. — Whiting, Wilton, 1834; c.
- 17 *Martha*, b. — .
- 18 *James*, b. Sept. 10, 1814; m. Sylva Stevens; 1836; d. Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1869, æ. 54 yrs., 5 mos.
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#### THE FERRY FAMILY.

1 CHARLES BRACE FERRY (Rev.), son of Benjamin and Hannah Street Ferry, was b. in Moscow, Livingston Co., N. Y., April 11, 1832. His parents originated in Connecticut. He had the ordinary advantages of the schools of Livingston Co., and for some years after he was seventeen years of age he taught winter schools, and worked on the farm during the summer. In 1852 he commenced learning the printer's trade, at Elmira,

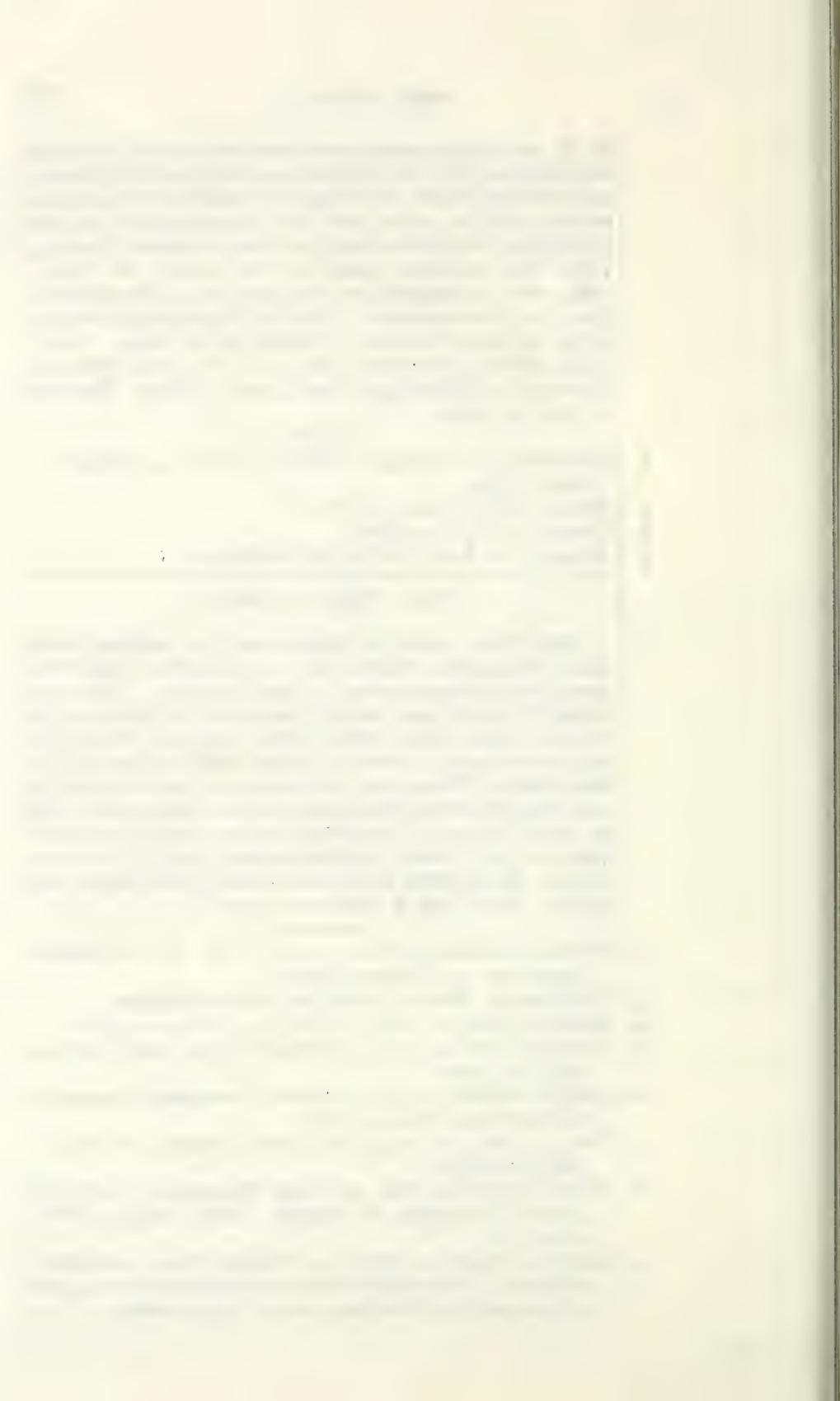


N. Y., and subsequently spent four years at this business in Cincinnati, O. In 1856 he entered Meadville School, and remained there till 1859. In April of 1860 he received a call to settle over the Congregational Society (Unitarian) in Peterborough, and was ordained June 13, 1860. He remained pastor of this society till Sept., 1869, when he resigned and was installed at Manchester, Dec. 9, of the same year. He left Manchester early in 1874, and is now settled at Northampton, Mass. He m. Ellen Matilda Haywood, dau. of E. W. and Susan B. Haywood, of Uxbridge, Mass., June 11, 1860. She was b. Aug. 11, 1834.

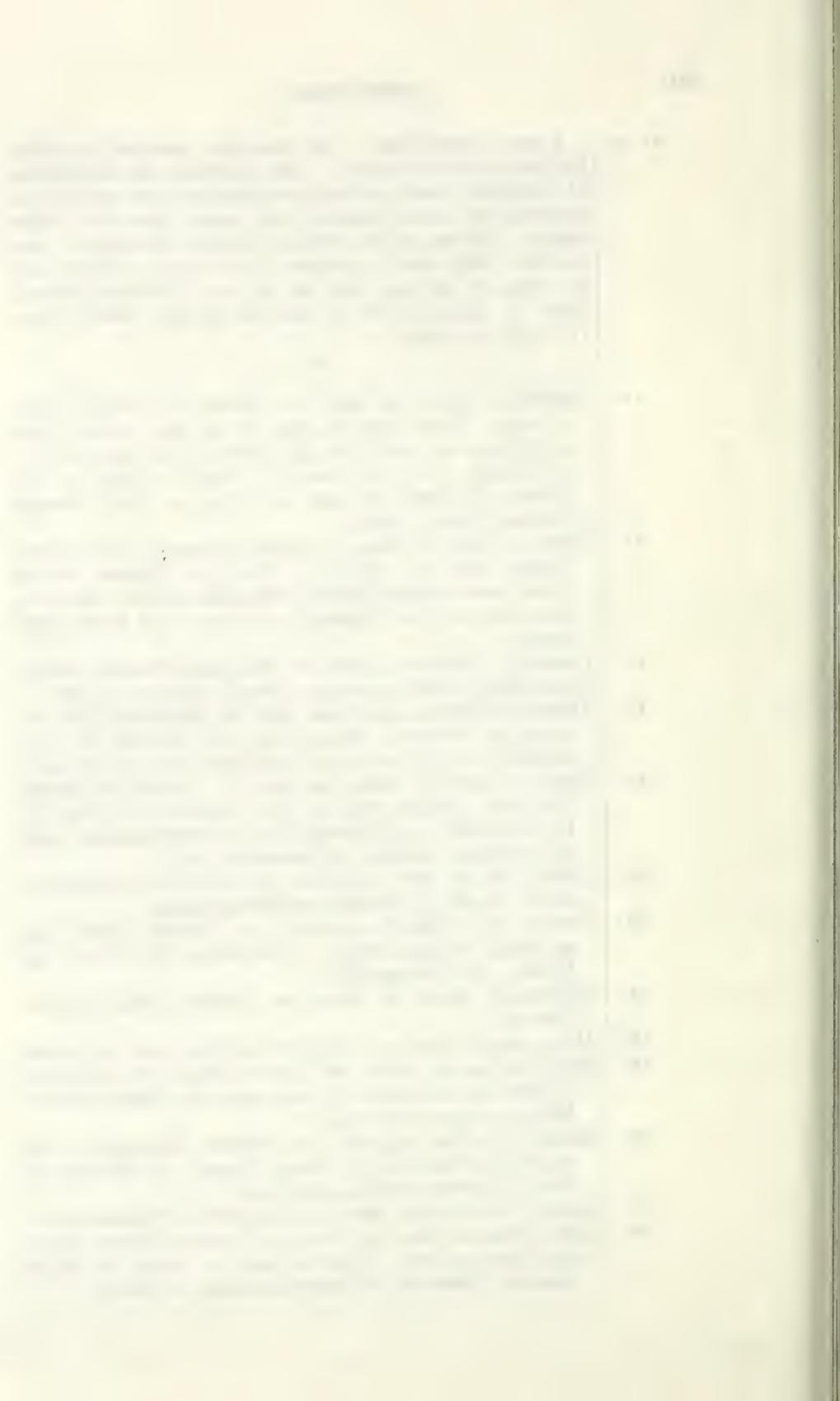
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- 2 *Catharine P.*, b. Aug. 8, 1862; d. Jan. 15, 1863, æ. 5 mos., 7 dys.  
 3 *Ebenezer H.*, b. June 14, 1864.  
 4 *Charles*, b. Feb. 10, 1868.  
 5 *Henry B.*, b. Feb. 5, 1872, at Manchester.
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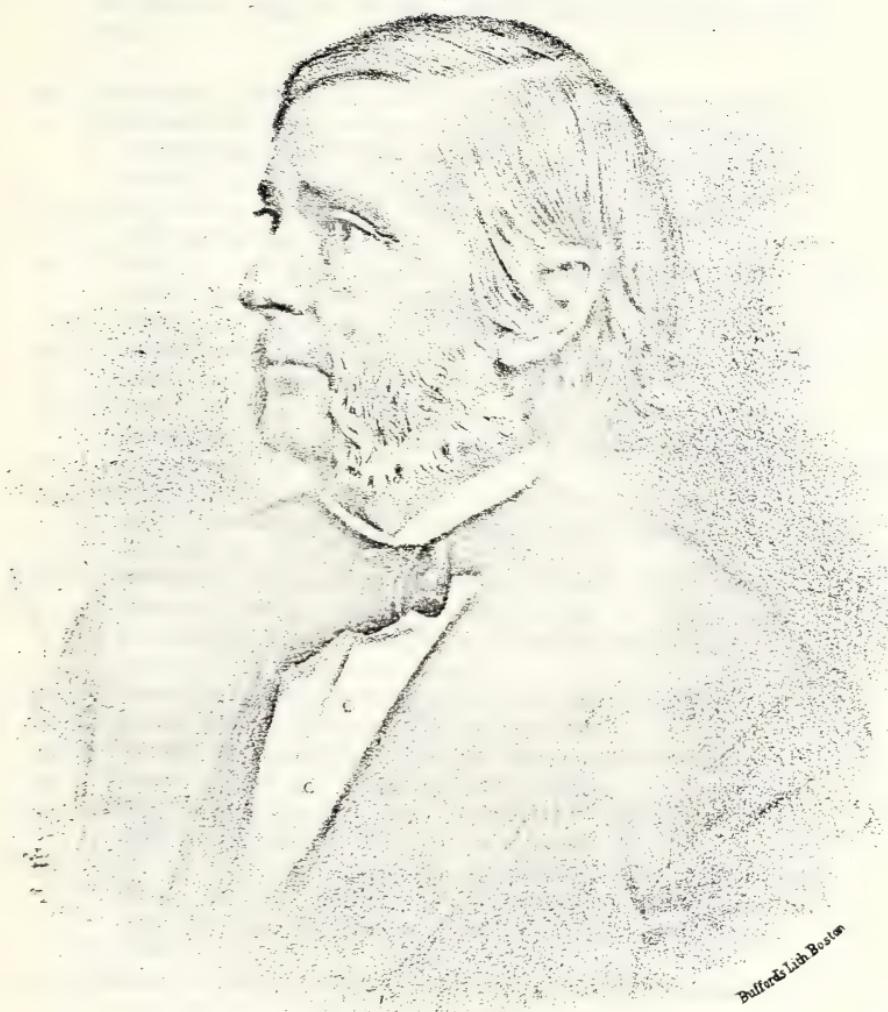
#### THE FIELD FAMILY.

- 1 JOHN FIELD came to Peterborough, in company with Dea. Christopher Thayer, May 8, 1786, from Braintree, now Quincy, where he was b. April 16, 1752. He was a tanner by trade, and settled just north of the farm of William Smith, Esq., where some vats had been made and some tanning done by Robert Smith, father to William Smith. These vats are now in a perfect state of preservation, having been made not far from 1760. He m. Ruth Thayer, in Braintree, Nov. 11, 1775, who was b. July 2, 1752. She d. in Peterborough, Aug. 7, 1846, æ. 94 yrs., having been blind some thirty years before her death. He d. Jan. 8, 1826, æ. 74 yrs.
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- 2 †*John*, b. Braintree, Oct. 27, 1777; m., 1st w., Beulah Reed; 2d. w., Tabitha Colburn.  
 3 †*William*, b. Nov. 18, 1782; m. Mary McAlister.  
 4 *Elisha*, b. Aug. 2, 1784; d. Aug. 19, 1861, æ. 77 yrs.  
 5 *Jabez*, b. Jan. 4, 1789; drowned in tan vats, June 25, 1793, æ. 4 yrs.  
 6 *Sally*, b. March 7, 1791; m. Noah Youngman, Lempster; d. March 24, 1854, æ. 63 yrs.  
 7 *Otis*, b. Jan. 12, 1794; m. Lydia Dodge; six ch.; d. 1863, æ. 69 yrs.  
 8 *Ruth*, b. April 3, 1796; m. David Youngman; 1 ch., Dr. David Youngman, of Boston. She d. Sept. 5, 1817, æ. 22 yrs.  
 9 *Mary*, b. March 10, 1798; m. Timothy Bruce, Lempster; seven ch. She had five sons who went to the war, and all returned safe but one, who d. in the service.



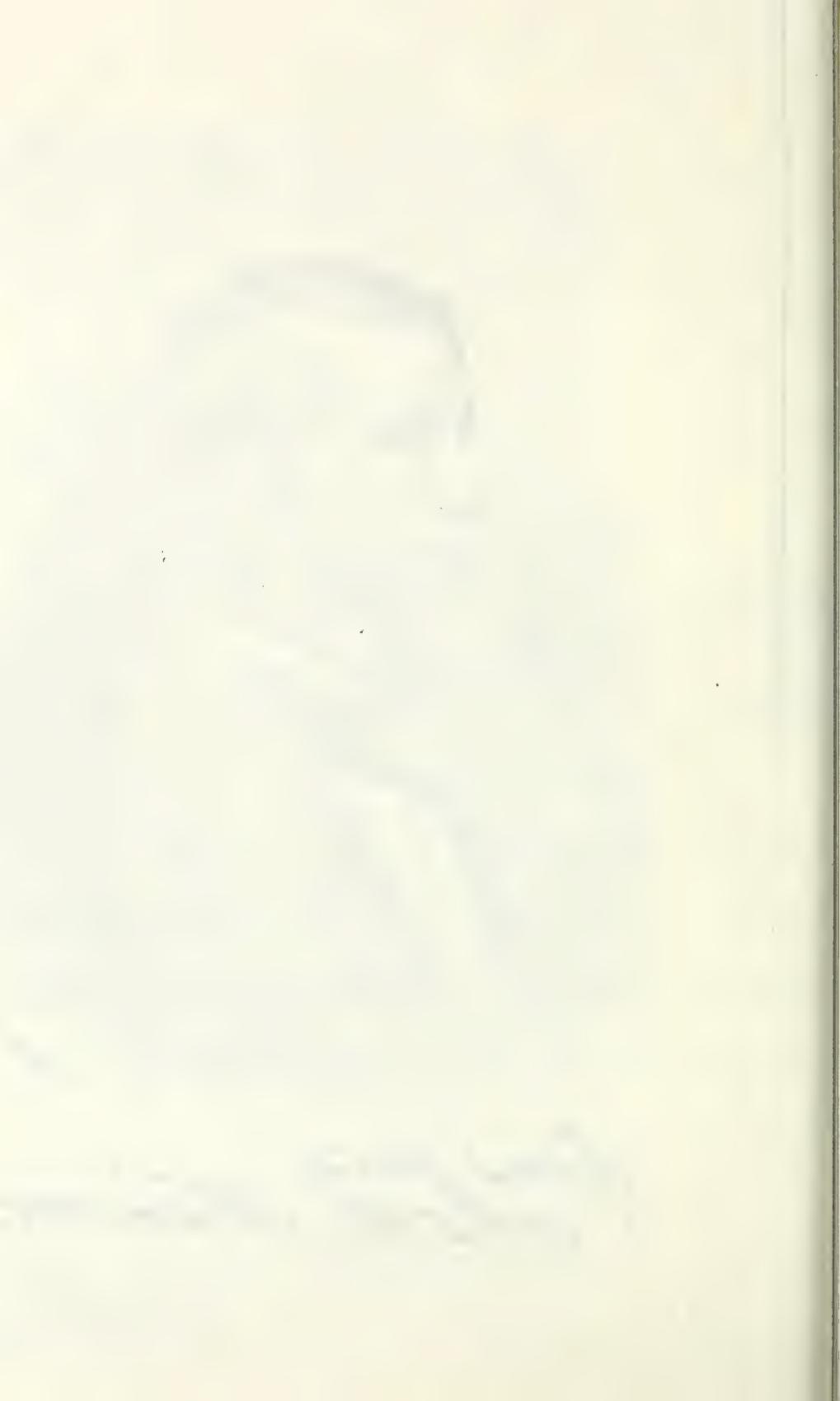
- I - 2** *JOHN FIELD* (Dea.). He was nine years of age when his father moved to town. He followed the occupation of his father, and carried on extensively the business of tanning, for many years, at the same place his father began. He m., 1st w., Beulah Reed, of Lempster, June 20, 1802, who was the mother of all his ch. She d. July 30, 1835, æ. 57 yrs. He m., 2d w., Tabitha Colburn, April 5, 1838; d. Oct. 7, 1848, æ. 52 yrs. He d. Nov. 18, 1856, æ. 79 yrs.
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- 10** *Adelaide*, b. April 29, 1803; m. James B. Nichols, Feb. 4, 1830. He d. Aug. 3, 1852, æ. 46 yrs. She d. May 4, 1872, æ. 69 yrs.; ch., (1) John F., b. Jan. 7, 1831; r. Chicago, Ill.; (2) James, b. April 1, 1833; r. Alabama; (3) Sarah, b. Aug. 29, 1835; m. Rev. George Dustan, May 4, 1864.
- 11** *Isaac*, b. July 11, 1804; m. Mary Greene, Charlestown, Mass., May 20, 1830; c. He r. in Boston twelve years, was engaged in the hide and leather business, and then re. to Denmark, Ia., and has lived there since.
- 12** *Louisa*, b. March 20, 1806; m. Benjamin Norton, Abington, Mass., May 13, 1841. She d. 1843, æ. 37 yrs.
- 13** *Sylvina*, b. Dec. 21, 1807; m. John W. Shepherd, Oct. 17, 1839; r. Woburn, Mass.; ch., (1) Horatio N.; (2) Louisa C.; (3) Sarah J.; (4) Henry M.; (5) Emma.
- 14** *Ruth*, b. June 22, 1809; m. John E. Leiper, of Bethel, Ill., Jan. 4, 1842; ch., (1) Mary Louisa; (2) John F.; (3) Curtis M.; (4) Edward F.; d. Peterborough, April 22, 1850, æ. 14 mos.; r. Denmark, Ia.
- 15** †*John, Jr.*, b. Nov. 22, 1810; m. Sarah E. Worcester; 2d w., Sarah A. Baldwin, Brighton, Mass.
- 16** *Horatio N.*, b. March 25, 1813; m. Charity Taylor, Oct. 29, 1839; ch., (1) Emily; (2) Charles; (3) Ellen; (4) Walter; r. Chicago, Ill.
- 17** *William*, b. April 27, 1814; m. Sophia Cone, Illinois. Two ch.
- 18** *Mary Ann*, b. Nov. 22, 1815; d. April 4, 1816, æ. 4 mos.
- 19** *Mary*, b. Jan. 13, 1817; m. Luther Noyes, of Abington; d. Sept. 25, 1840, æ. 23 yrs.; one ch., Mary Jane, b. May 10, 1840; d. young.
- 20** *Marcy C.*, b. Dec. 23, 1817; m. Moses Thompson, Feb. 20, 1840; two ch.; (1) Mary Noyes; (2) William E. She d. February, 1860, æ. 43 yrs.
- 21** *Sarah T.*, b. Aug. 3, 1819; m. Andrew A. Farnsworth.
- 22** *Louis Jane*, b. June 14, 1821; m. Luther Noyes, Abington, May 13, 1841. She d. Jan. 11, 1850, æ. 29 yrs. One ch., James B., b. June 14, 1844; d. young.





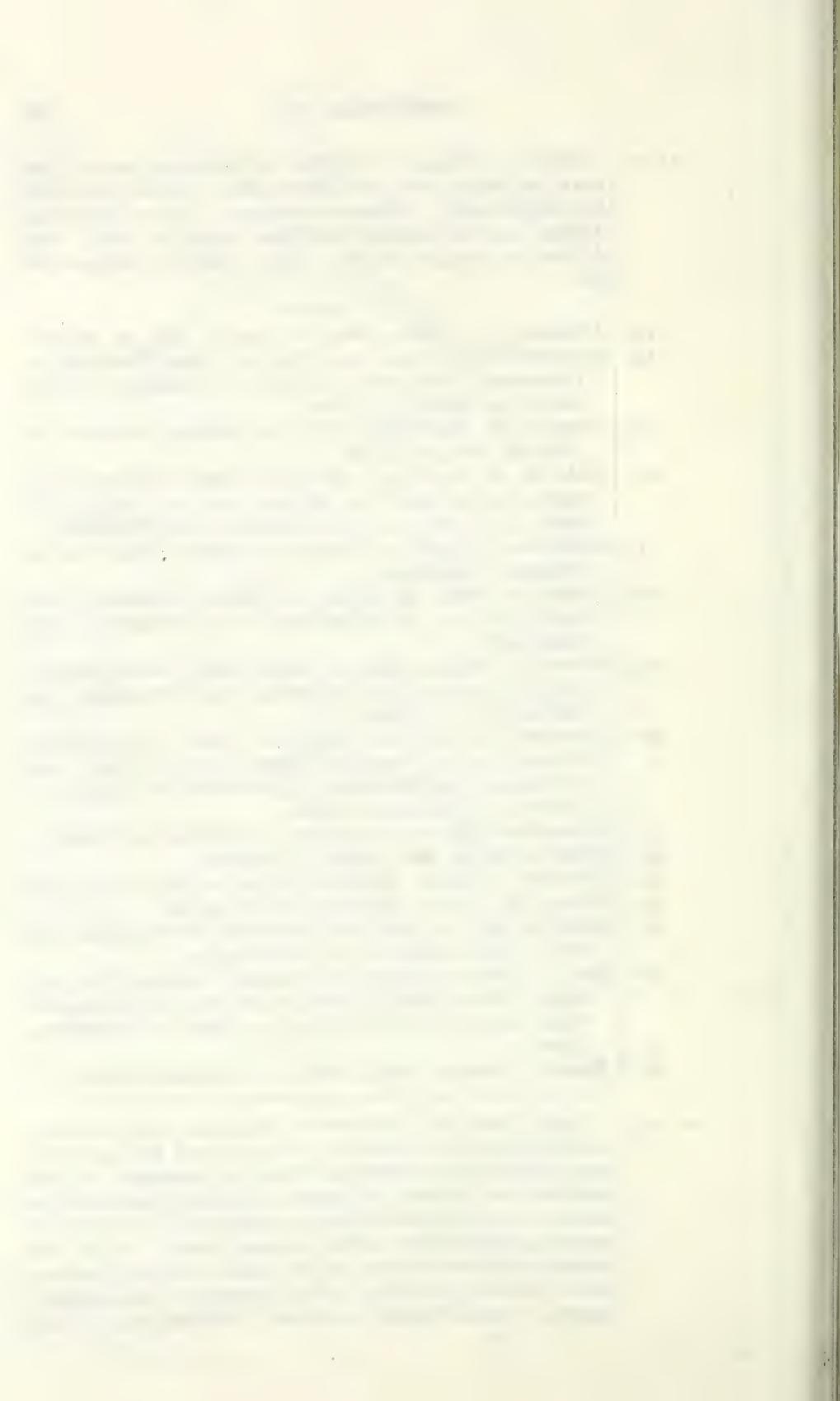
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Yours truly  
John Friend



- 1- 3     WILLIAM FIELD. He lived in the east part of the town, adjoining the old Blair place, where he raised his large family. He was a farmer. He m. Mary McAlister, dau. of Randall McAlister, April 17, 1808. She d. May 21, 1853, æ. 67 yrs. He d. April 23, 1863, æ. 80 yrs.
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- 23     *William F.*, b. Jan. 4, 1809 ; d. Aug. 4, 1828, æ. 19 yrs.
- 24     *Alexander H.*, b. Dec. 22, 1809 ; m. Jane Brackett ; r. Lawrence, Kan. ; ch., (1) Ella ; (2) George ; (3) Edward ; (4) Mary ; (5) Jane.
- 25     *Mary A.*, b. March 26, 1811 ; m. George Brackett ; d. July 27, 1846, æ. 35 yrs.
- 26     *John G.*, b. April 14, 1812 ; m. Rachel Marcy, Denmark, Ia. ; d. April 12, 1852, æ. 40 yrs. ; ch., (1) Albert ; (2) Henry A. ; (3) Charlotte ; (4) William G.
- 27     *Katharine*, b. April 20, 1813 ; m. Horace Huse ; re. to Missouri ; eight ch.
- 28     *Charles*, b. Sept. 18, 1814 ; m. Electa Brockway, Denmark, Ia. ; ch., (1) Charlotte A. ; (2) Henry S. ; (3) Charles F.
- 29     *Harriet*, b. May 7, 1816 ; m. Abiel Niles, Lowell, Mass. ; ch., (1) Alonzo ; (2) Albertus ; (3) Frederick ; (4) Harriet E. ; (5) John.
- 30     *Jeremiah S.*, b. July 10, 1817 ; m., June 7, 1842, Mary Harvey ; 2d w., Sarah M. Moore, Aug. 12, 1852 ; ch., (1) Fanny ; (2) Frederick ; (3) Herbert W. ; (4) Katherine C. ; r. Lawrence, Mass.
- 31     †*Franklin*, b. May 1, 1819 ; m. Luvia Miner, of Lowell.
- 32     *Ruth*, b. Oct. 9, 1820 ; unm. ; r. Boston.
- 33     *Charlotte*, b. March 11, 1822 ; d. Jan. 2, 1844, æ. 21 yrs.
- 34     †*Henry*, b. Oct. 30, 1823 ; m. Lucy Farmer.
- 35     *Albert*, b. July 14, 1825 ; m. Mehitable Perkins, Jan. 14, 1851 ; 1 ch., Lizzie P. ; r. New Market.
- 36     *Lois*, b. Oct. 23, 1826 ; m. Samuel Cannon, Oct. 16, 1852. He d. April 6, 1860, æ. 32 yrs., 9 mos. ; m., 2d hus., George M. Pierce, Jan. 23, 1866 ; r. Worcester, Mass.
- 37     *Eunice*, b. Aug. 9, 1829 ; unm. ; r. Cambridge, Mass.
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2- 15     JOHN FIELD, Jr. He went to Boston in 1831, and succeeded his brother Isaac in the hide and leather business, under the firm name of Field & Converse. By his assiduity and industry he became eminently successful in business, and acquired wealth sufficient to be able to retire partially from active pursuits, 1863. In all his business relations he was an honorable and upright man, never yielding principle, in any instance, to expediency. He was a good citizen, a sincere Christian, and a true



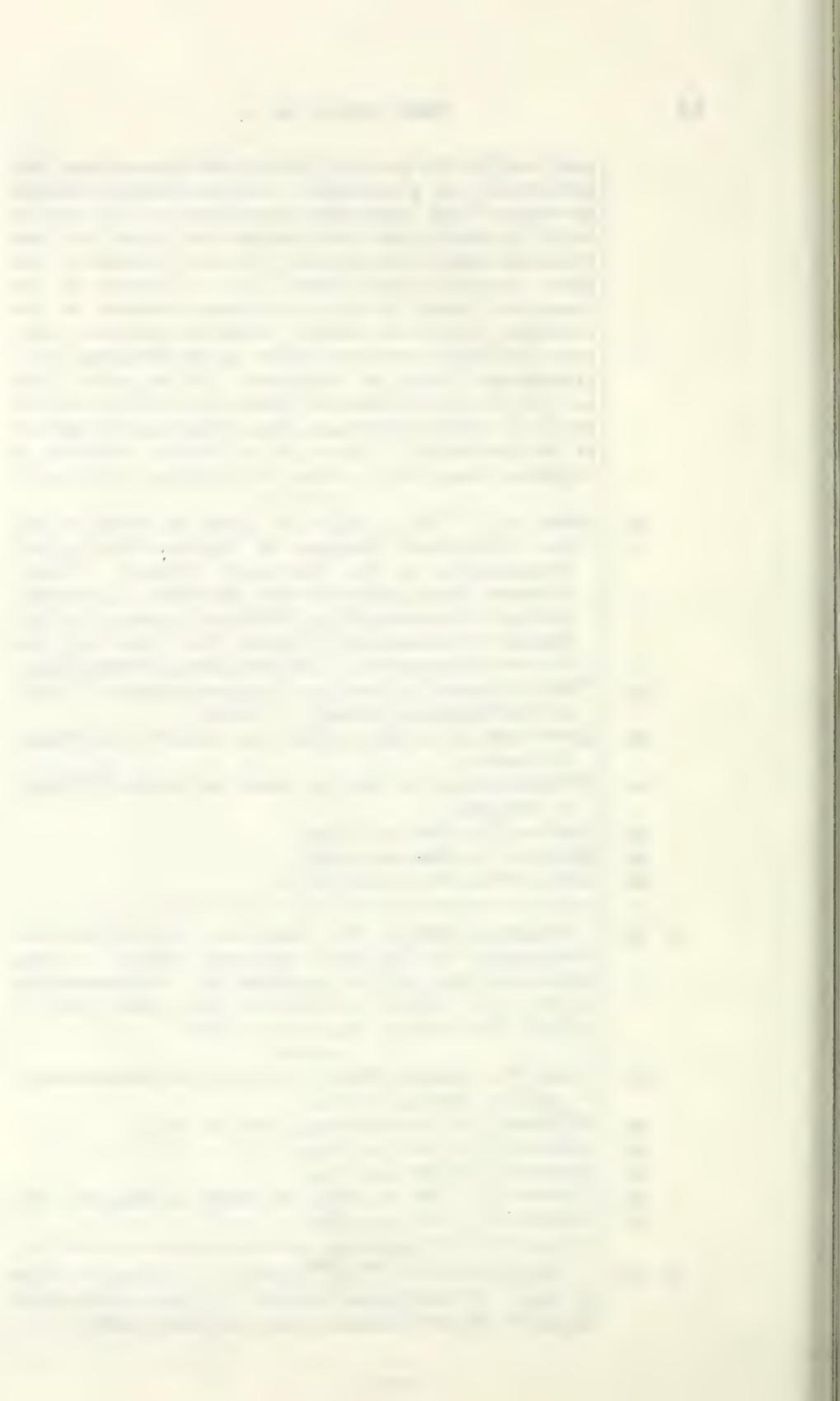
man, and his life abounded with active benevolence and kind works and good deeds. He was deeply interested in many of the benevolent enterprises of the day, to which he freely gave his attention and labor, and also rendered largely of his means. He was a Director in the State National Bank, Boston; also a Director of the American Peace Society, a corporate member of the American Board of Foreign Missions, and for many years has held a prominent office in the Orthodox Congregational Church, at Arlington. He m., 1st w., May 2, 1836, Sarah E. Worcester, granddau. of Noah Worcester, D. D. She d. June 20, 1839. She was the mother of the first two ch. He m., 2d w., Sarah A. Baldwin, of Brighton, Mass., Oct. 13, 1840; he d. July 31, 1876, æ. 66.

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- 38 *Henry M.*, b. Oct. 3, 1837; m. Lydia M. Peck, Arlington. Appointed Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Dartmouth Medical College, Hanover, 1871, and now holds the office. Graduated Harvard University 1859. Medical degree at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, and is now in the practice of his profession, Newton, Mass.  
 39 *John Worcester*, b. June 11, 1839; m. Amelia C. Reed, of So. Weymouth, Mass.; r. Boston.  
 40 *Sarah Ann B.*, b. May 9, 1846; m. Arthur C. Lawrence; r. Newton.  
 41 *William Evarts*, b. May 29, 1848; m. Louisa T. Swan; r. Arlington.  
 42 *Arthur D.*, b. Dec. 21, 1849.  
 43 *George A.*, b. Nov. 10, 1854.  
 44 *Lilla Frances*, b. June 25, 1857.
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3- 31 FRANKLIN FIELD. He lives on a part of the old homestead. He has held important offices in town. Selectman 1864, '65, '66; surveyor, &c. Representative in 1875, '76. He m. Luvia Miner, of Lowell, Jan. 19, 1847, b. in Coventry, Vt., July 30, 1827.

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- 45 *Clara F.*, b. Lowell, Feb. 15, 1850; d. at Peterborough, April 17, 1865, æ. 15 yrs.  
 46 *William F.*, b. Peterborough, Feb. 16, 1852.  
 47 *Martin E.*, b. Dec. 30, 1854.  
 48 *Forrest G.*, b. Feb. 20, 1856.  
 49 *Charles G.*, b. Jan. 27, 1859; d. March 22, 1865, æ. 6 yrs.  
 50 *Walter E.*, b. Dec. 14, 1861.
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3- 34 HENRY FIELD m. Lucy Farmer, b. Francestown, May 3, 1834. Is a carpenter by trade. He lives on the place begun by Moses Chapman, near the Mears place.



- 5<sup>1</sup> *Mary E.*, b. Oct. 18, 1855.  
 5<sup>2</sup> *Charles A.*, b. Dec. 23, 1857.  
 5<sup>3</sup> *Emma F.*, b. Nov. 27, 1859.  
 5<sup>4</sup> *Alice H.*, b. May 28, 1867.
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## THE FINCH FAMILY.

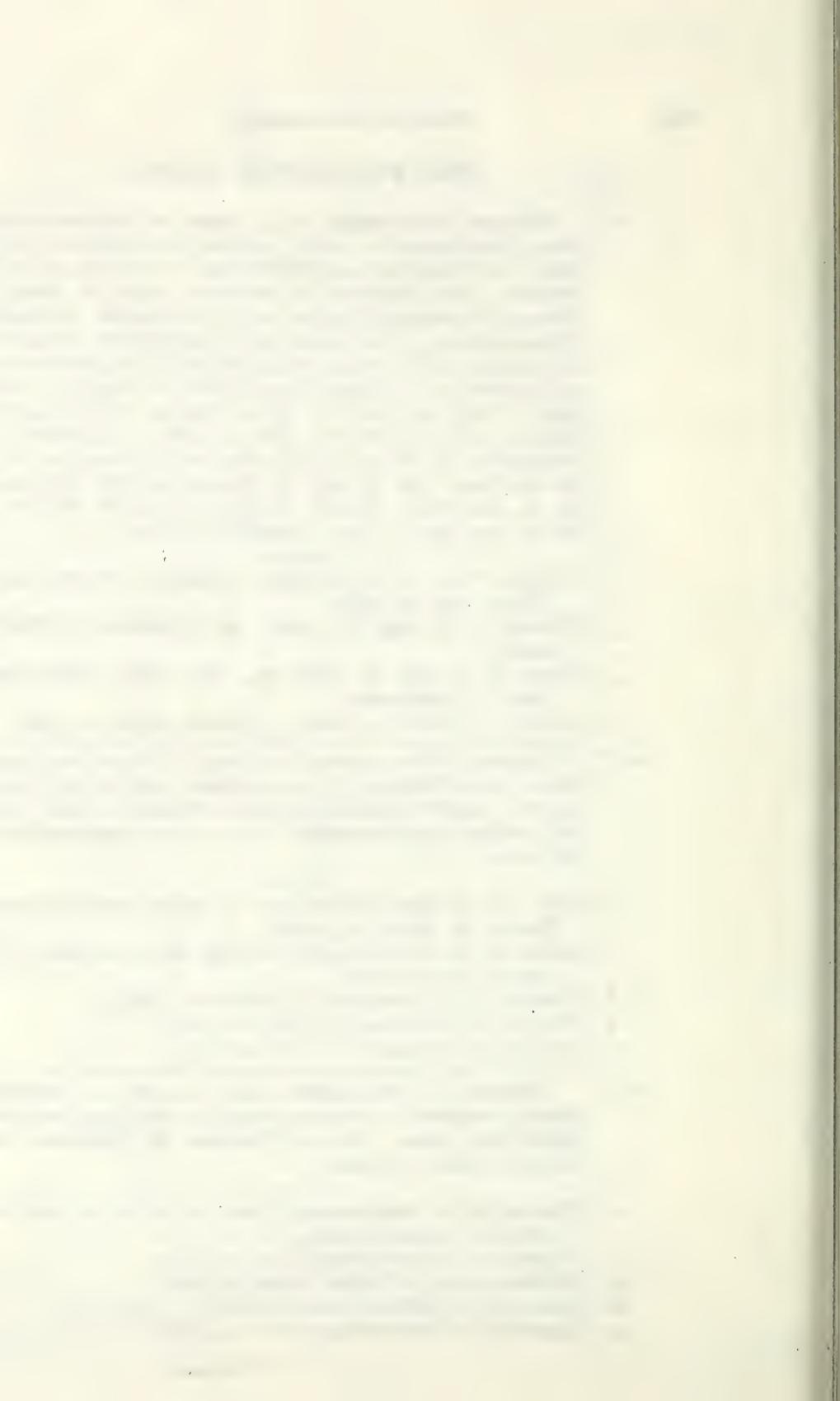
1 RICHARD FINCH was a British soldier. He came over early in the Revolutionary War, probably in 1775 or '76, and deserted from the British ranks while in Boston, and went to Reading and worked for a Mr. Melendy, a shoemaker. He was a boot-maker by trade, and here first became acquainted with his wife, Hepzibeth Melendy. He married, and after a short residence in Amherst he removed to Peterborough, and bought land in this village, on site and north of the Unitarian Church, where he built a house on the very ground on which the church now stands, and lived here till his death in 1797. No person now living remembers him, though many recollect the widow, who survived him many years. She d. at Waltham, Mass., Feb. 11, 1837, æ. 83 yrs., 8 mos.; b. May 27, 1753. Richard Finch's name appears last on the tax-list of 1797.

- 2 *William*, b. 1783; d. at Woodstock, Vt., while away from home, about 1813 or '14, æ. 27 or 28 yrs. Taxed 1807, '8, '9.
- 3 *Fanny*, b. 1786; m. Charles Martin, a paper-maker, Feb. 1, 1803; two ch., William and Mary. Mary was b. in 1805; d. May 19, 1812, æ. 7 yrs. The mother d. Aug. 29, 1810; in the church records no age, but it says of her, "a victim of intemperance"; æ. about 24 yrs.
- 4 *Sarah*, b. Nov. 2, 1788; m. Francis Field, Oct. 12, 1812; d. Dec. 9, 1858, æ. 70 yrs. Three ch.; (1) Francis; (2) Joseph Badger; (3) Mary Gridley; r. Waltham.
- 5 *Harriet*, b. Feb. 12, 1793; m. Zaccheus Farwell, March 4, 1810. He d. April 15, 1861; ch., (1) Zaccheus, b. Oct. 20, 1810; d. July 10, 1840; (2) Harriet, b. in Peterborough, Nov. 26, 1812; m. Jesse E. Farnsworth; r. Waltham, Mass.; (3) Mary, b. in Peterborough, May 3, 1815; m. Daniel Smith Baxter; r. Brighton; (4) Sarah, b. July 13, 1817, at Mount Tabor, Vt.; m. Almon H. Hemenway; r. Waltham; (5) Lucy, b. March 29, 1820, at Mount Tabor, Vt.; m. Nahum Chapin; r. Boston; (6) Frances, b. July 15, 1828; d. Oct. 29, 1832; (7) Elizabeth, b. June 26, 1833; m. Noah W. Sanborn; r. Brighton.
- 6 *Mary*, b. —; m. Richard Moules; re. to North Carolina, and d. there.



## THE FOLLANSBEE FAMILY.

- I** WILLIAM FOLLANSBEE, M.D., came to Peterborough from Francestown in 1826, and on the death of Dr. Jabez B. Priest, he succeeded him in the practice of medicine, and continued in the same until his death. He took his medical degree at the Dartmouth Medical College in 1825. He was a good practitioner of medicine, and a worthy and respectable man. He represented the town in the State Legislature in 1842, '3. He was b. Dec. 12, 1800; d. of an affection of the heart May 30, 1867, æ. 66 yrs. He m., 1st w., Hannah J. Follansbee; b. May 24, 1805, who was the mother of all the children. She d. Aug. 27, 1849, æ. 43 yrs. He m., 2d w., Rachel P. Moore, widow of Deacon William Moore, and dau. of Capt. Alexander Robbe.
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- 2** †*George Fred.*, b. July 26, 1825; m. Mary C. Pierce, East Jaffrey, Aug. 29, 1846.
- 3** †*Charles P.*, b. Aug. 28, 1828; m. Charlotte E. Whitcomb.
- 4** *Henry A.*, b. Aug. 16, 1833; m., July, 1857, Lucy Ann Law; r. Manchester.
- 5** *Orrin C.*, b. Sept. 24, 1846; d. Oct. 26, 1846, æ. 1 mo.
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- I- 2** GEORGE F. FOLLANSBEE m. Mary C. Pierce, Aug. 29, 1846; re. to Pierpont, O., and d. there, Sept. 27, 1858, æ. 33 yrs. After his death his family returned to East Jaffrey, where they now reside. He was a harness-maker by trade.
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- 6** *Ella M.*, b. East Jaffrey, July 3, 1847; m. Addison Pierce, Jr., March 29, 1869.
- 7** *Annie S.*, b. Peterborough, Jan. 29, 1850; m. John H. Steele, Nov. 6, 1867.
- 8** *George W.*, b. Cleveland, O., March 19, 1853.
- 9** *Fred. A.*, b. Cleveland, O., July 20, 1855.
- 10** *Ida M.*, b. Pierpont, O., Nov. 10, 1857.
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- I- 3** CHARLES P. FOLLANSBEE, after residing in various places, returned to Peterborough in 1867, and has resided here since. He m. Charlotte E. Whitcomb in 1855; b. Sept. 15, 1828.
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- 11** *Frances E.*, b. Peterborough, Jan. 29, 1856; d. Dec. 6, 1870, æ. 14 yrs., 10 mos.
- 12** *Hattie A.*, b. Peterborough, Jan. 12, 1859.
- 13** *William Fred.*, b. Enfield, April 12, 1861.
- 14** *Lizzie E.*, b. Enfield, June 11, 1865.
- 15** *Lottie W.*, b. Peterborough, Oct. 25, 1868.



## THE FORBUSH FAMILY.

**SIMEON FORBUSH** was b. in Acton, Mass., Feb. 22, 1770; d. at Peterborough, April 13, 1860, æ. 90 yrs. He m. Catharine Hosmer; b. in Acton, June 3, 1774; d. Sept. 13, 1841, æ. 67 yrs. They came to Peterborough in 1804, and lived on the Capt. Thomas Morison place, in the same house with Betty and Sally Morison.

**†Luke**, b. Jan. 31, 1799; m. Nancy Carey.

**†Rufus**, b. Sept. 9, 1800; m. Almira Cram.

**†Stephen**, b. Feb. 2, 1803; m., 1st w., Esther P. Hill; 2d w., Esther S. Smith; 3d w., Eleanor Machett.

**†Ira**, b. March 17, 1805; m. Hannah Brown.

**Sally**, b. March 15, 1807; m. Leonard Hill; re. to Utah, and d. there.

**LUKE FORBUSH**. A carpenter by trade. He m. Nancy Ann Carey; b. March 16, 1802; d. March 1, 1869, æ. 66 yrs., 11 mos. He d. May 11, 1836, æ. 37 yrs.

**†Luke O.**, b. Nov. 8, 1823; m., March 2, 1846, Hannah M. Stearns; b. Aug. 27, 1824.

**Alpha A.**, b. Aug. 23, 1825; d. June 15, 1865, æ. 40 yrs.; m., 1st w., Eliza Ryder; 2d w., Emily B. Dexter; one daughter by last wife.

**Simeon**, b. Jan. 28, 1827; d. Aug. 15, 1828, æ. 1 yr., 6 mos.

**George E.**, b. Jan. 15, 1830; unm.

**Henry C.**, b. Sept. 20, 1831; m. Lydia A. Shores. Four ch.

**Chancellor S.**, b. March 15, 1834; m. Nancy J. Ethridge, July 17, 1853.

**LUKE O. FORBUSH**. A machinist. Has erected buildings directly south of the Senter place,—near old Baptist meeting-house. He m., March 2, 1846, Hannah M. Stearns, b. Aug. 27, 1824.

**Lucinda C.**, b. June 26, 1847; m., May 1, 1866, John Scott.

**Abbie G.**, b. Aug. 30, 1849; m. Willard Lee; r. Claremont.

**George L.**, b. Oct. 4, 1851; m., 1875, Clara W. Keith. Druggist in town.

**RUFUS FORBUSH**. He had the misfortune to lose his right arm at West Cambridge, Mass., in May, 1822, while tending a machine for preparing hair for stuffing furni-



ture. Under this great loss he has been able comfortably to support and educate his family by his industry and perseverance. He soon qualified himself for teaching and surveying, and has been much employed in these pursuits. Having acquired facility in writing with his left hand, his fellow-citizens elected him town clerk, at first out of sympathy on account of his misfortune, and subsequently because no one could discharge the duties of the office better. He held this office twenty-one years, longer than any other person since the incorporation of the town. Thomas Steele, Esq., came next to him, having been town clerk nineteen years. The records during this long period that Mr. Forbush held this office are plain, clear, and legible, and will compare favorably with any records of the town before or since. He m. Almira W. Cram, dau. of Nathan and Elizabeth Cram, of Belfast, Me., Nov. 16, 1828.

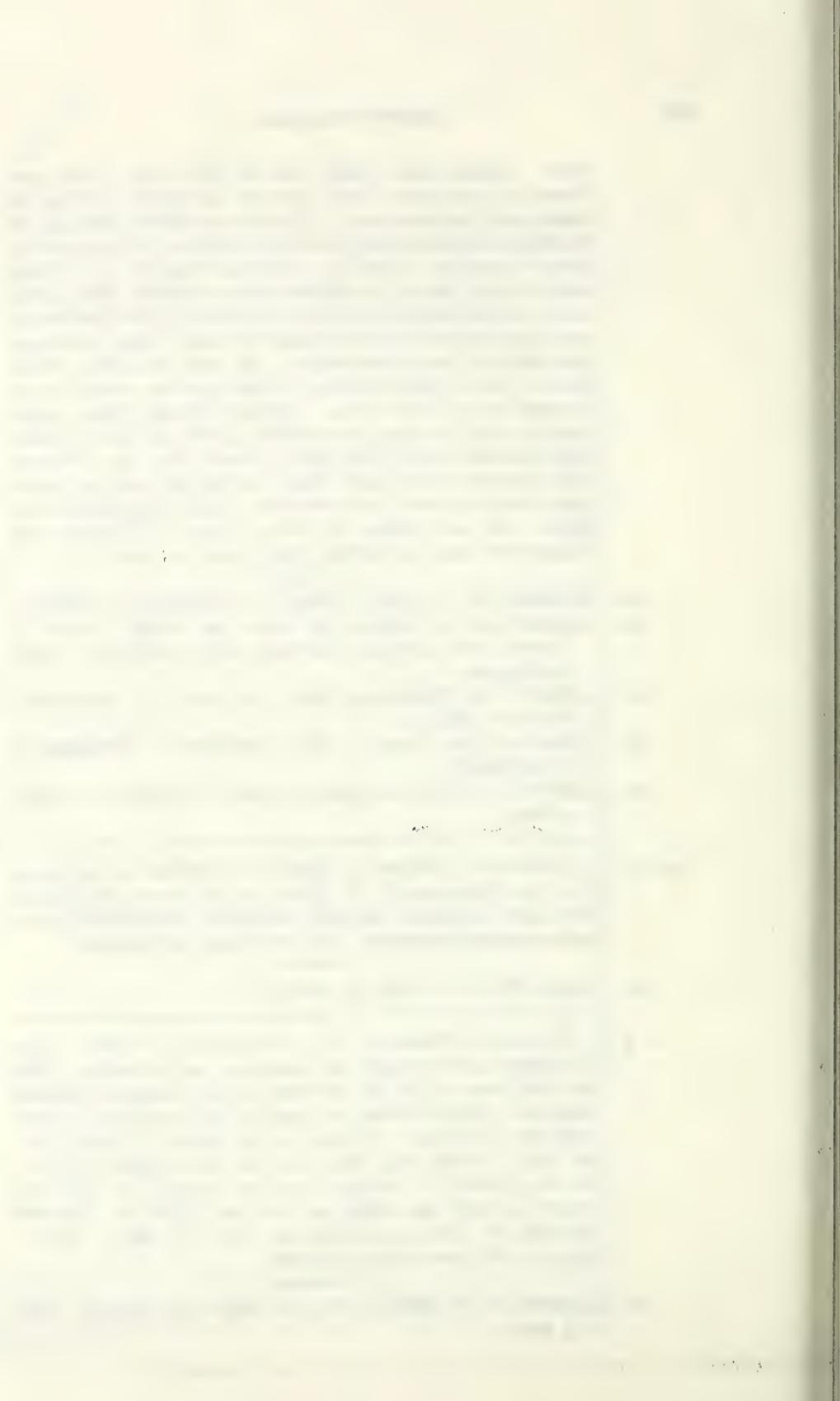
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- 16 *Elizabeth E.*, b. April 3, 1829; m. Frederick W. Nichols.  
 17 *Augusta A.*, b. March 17, 1831; m. Capt. Louis E. Crone, from Leipsic, Germany, now residing at East Lexington.  
 18 *Annie F.*, b. March 19, 1834; m. Abel G. Alexander, Woburn, Mass.  
 19 †*Nathan C.*, b. June 15, 1838; m. Clara J. Blodgett, of Chesterfield.  
 20 *Sallie W.*, b. June 20, 1840; d. Nov. 1, 1856, æ. 16 yrs., 4 mos.
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3- 19 NATHAN C. Forbush. He was a soldier in Company G., 13th Regiment N. H. Vols., in the war of the Rebellion, and returned slightly wounded, for which he receives a small pension. He m. Clara J. Blodgett.

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- 21 *Lizzie Maria*, b. Feb. 27, 1862.
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1- 4 STEPHEN FORBUSH. A carpenter by trade. By his labor and industry he raised a large family. The few last years of his life he lived on the Deacon Samuel Maynard place, which he bought, and occupied at the time of his death. He m., 1st w., Esther P. Hill, Oct. 28, 1824; b. Oct. 25, 1802; d. June 29, 1835, æ. 33 yrs.; 2d w., Esther S. Smith, Aug. 16, 1835; b. June 10, 1802; d. May 22, 1862, æ. 60 yrs.; 3d w., Eleanor Machett, b. Nov. 24, 1802; m. Aug. 27, 1863. He d. July 30, 1873, æ. 70 yrs., 5 mos.

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- 22 *Leonard A.*, b. April 3, 1825; d. Sept. 10, 1826, æ. 1 yr., 5 mos.

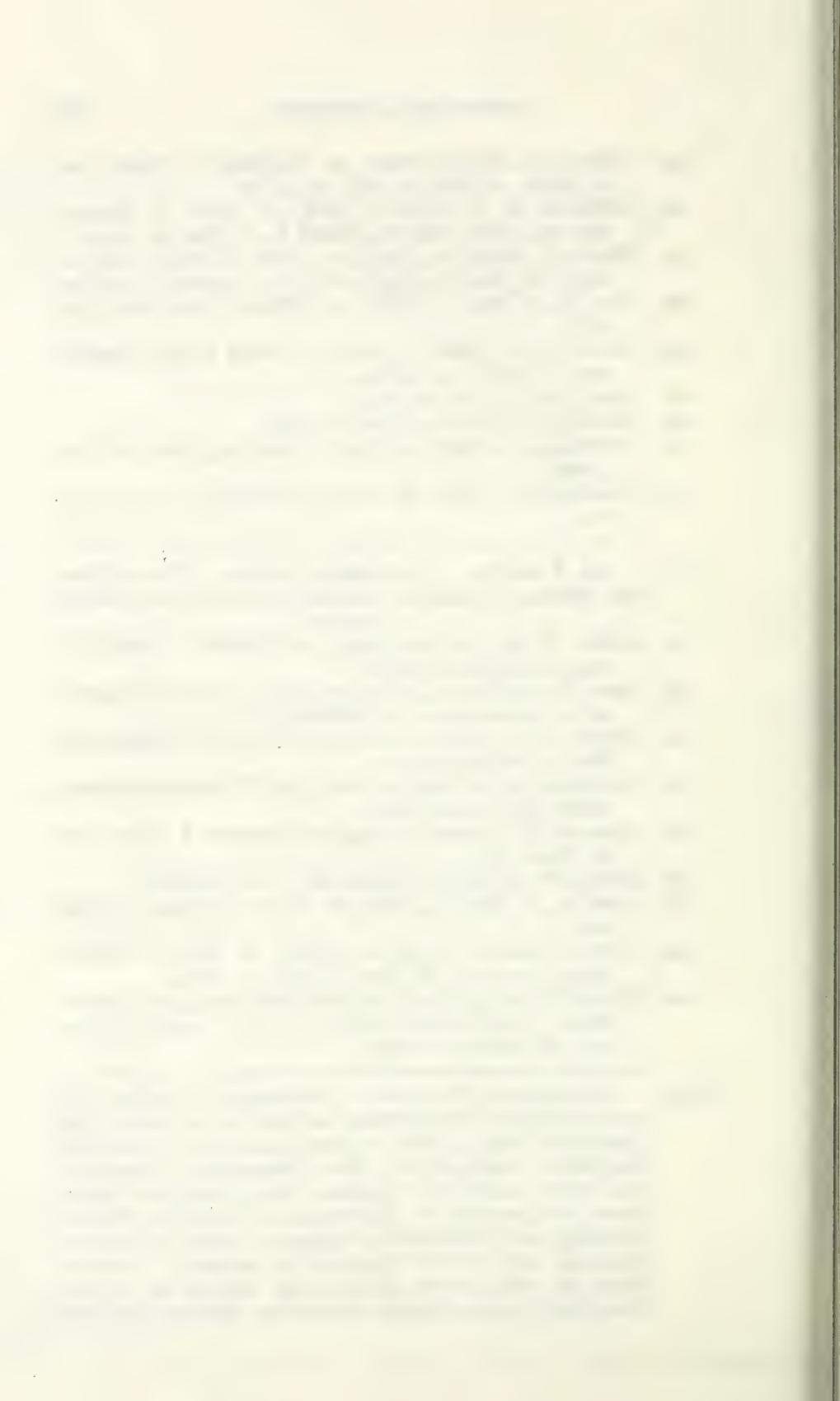


- 23 *John R.*, b. Feb. 28, 1827; m. Lucinda F. Foster, Oct. 11, 1846; d. Jan. 30, 1857, æ. 30 yrs.  
 24 *Catharine H.*, b. Sept. 8, 1828; m. Amos B. Drown, Nov. 29, 1848; one ch., Isabel A., b. Jan. 22, 1850.  
 25 *Stephen*, b. March 12, 1831; m. Abby C. Smith, June 10, 1853; d. Jan. 18, 1855, æ. 23 yrs., 10 mos.; r. Maine.  
 26 *Lucy E.*, b. June 7, 1833; m. Wilson Cobb, Sept. 18, 1853.  
 27 *Charles S.*, b. June 2, 1838; m. Mary Davis, Nashua, Sept. 6, 1871; r. Nashua.  
 28 *Mary Ann*, b. Feb. 19, 1841.  
 29 *Sarah A.*, b. Dec. 22, 1842; d. 1875.  
 30 *Martha E.*, b. April 22, 1844; d. Aug. 25, 1845, æ. 1 yr., 4 mos.  
 31 *Martha E.*, b. Feb. 17, 1846; d. April 20, 1873, æ. 27 yrs.
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1- 5 **IRA FORBUSH.** A carpenter by trade. He m. Hannah Brown, of Andover; has always lived in the village.

- 32 *Elvira F.*, b. July 21, 1825; m. Charles J. Smith; d. Aug. 20, 1857, æ. 32 yrs.  
 33 *Amos B.*, b. Sept. 3, 1827; m., 1st w., Lydia Haggett; 2d w., Louisa —; r. Buffalo, N.Y.  
 34 *Maria L.*, b. Sept. 14, 1829; m. A. H. Stebbins; d. Feb. 11, 1857, æ. 27 yrs.  
 35 †*Gustavus A.*, b. Dec. 31, 1831; m. M. Frances Colman, Oyster Bay, Long Island.  
 36 *Hannah C.*, b. June 4, 1834; m. German F. Day; one ch., Katie H.  
 37 *Ariana W.*, b. Dec. 21, 1836; m. A. H. Stebbins.  
 38 *Abial A.*, b. Nov. 13, 1839; m. Lizzie Putnam, of Mason.  
 39 *Ellen*, b. Feb. 11, 1844; m., April 22, 1874, E. Harris Jewett; one ch., H. Paul, b. Feb. 11, 1876.  
 40 *Orrin*, b. Nov. 5, 1846; m. Margaret Burns, of Clinton, Mass. She d. March, 1873, æ. 23 yrs.; one ch., Harry O., b. March 2, 1873.
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5- 35 **GUSTAVUS A. FORBUSH.** A carpenter by trade. He enlisted in the United States service in the war of the Rebellion, Aug. 9, 1862, as First Lieutenant in the 13th Regiment, Company G., New Hampshire Volunteers. He was promoted to a captaincy May 5, 1863, and transferred to Company F. He was in the battles of Fredericksburg and Cold Harbor, sieges of Suffolk and of Petersburg, and at Fort Harrison, in storming of which, Sept. 29, 1864, he was killed, while leading his men to the attack, just as he had attained the parapet, and had



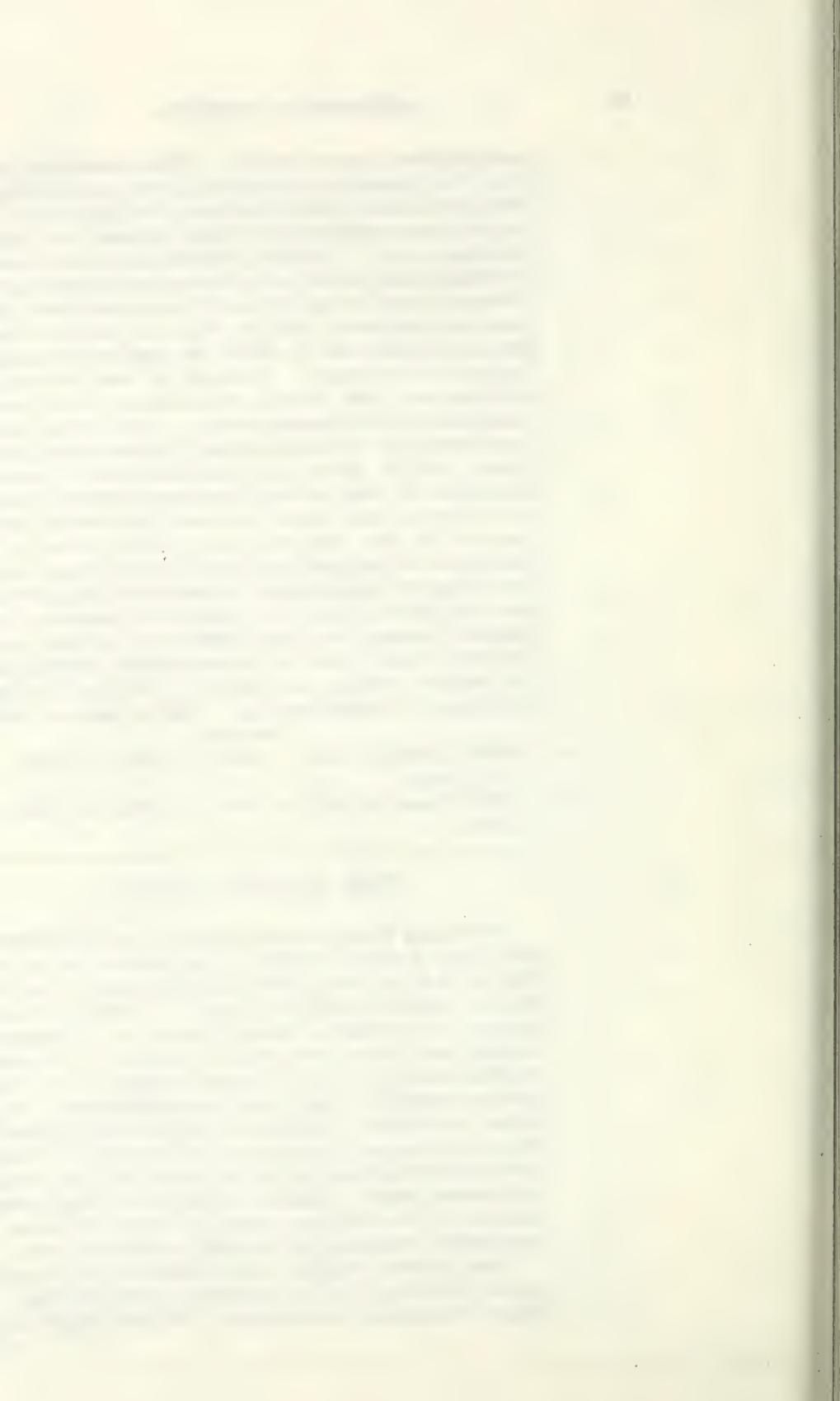
secured the taking of the fort. His commanding officer, Gen. A. F. Stevens, who received a very serious wound in the same battle, from the effects of which he has never yet fully recovered, says of Capt. Forbush, in a letter of April 29, 1875 : "Captain Forbush was a man moderate in thought and action, yet quite methodical and thorough. Hence in time he made himself a fair proficient in company and regimental drill, in which he always evinced a sincere interest, and in which he assiduously sought to improve his command. Towards his men he was considerate and kind, though not wanting in the average discipline of the volunteer service. His moral character was exemplary, his habits correct, his patriotism firm and strong, and his desire and determination to remain in the service so long as his efforts were needed overcame all obstacles, and closed only with the heroic termination of his life. He was, in a military view, a good lieutenant and captain, and would in the course of events have deserved and attained promotion in the service. I can only add to these few words the assurance of my personal esteem for Capt. Forbush as a man, and my satisfaction and pride, as his regimental commander, in his military service and record." He m. M. Frances Coleman, of Oyster Bay, L. I. She d. Jan. 11, 1866.

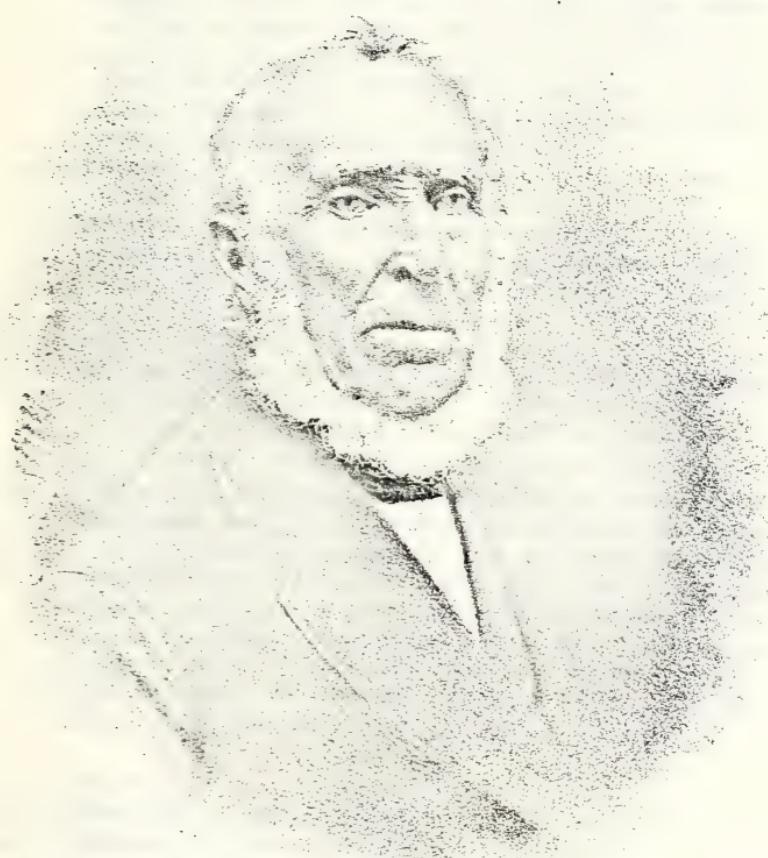
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- 41 *Willis Herbert*, b. Oct. 7, 1861; d. Dec. 24, 1862, æ. 1 yr., 2 mos.  
 42 *Addie Frances*, b. July 16, 1864; d. Sept. 29, 1864, æ. 2 mos.
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### THE FRENCH FAMILY.

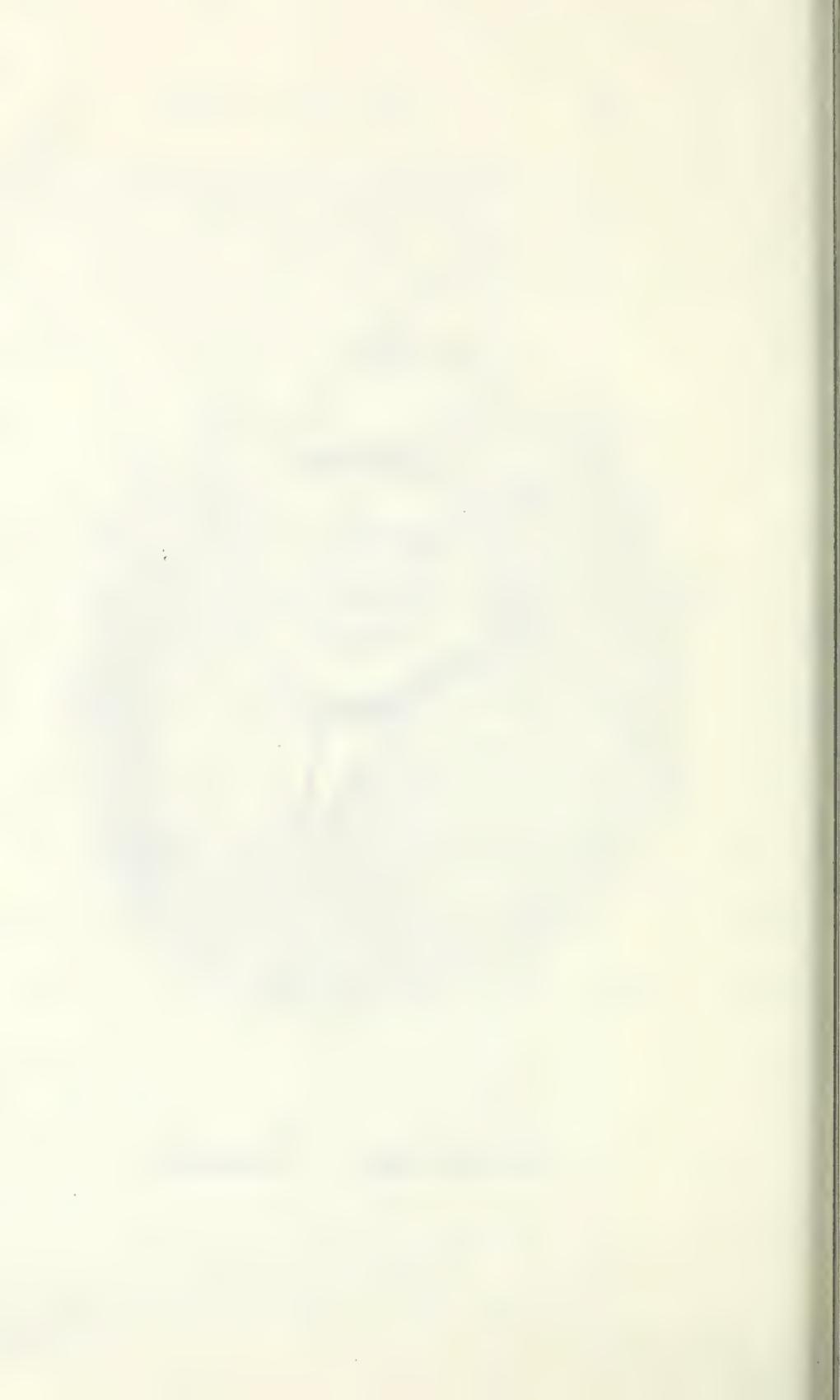
1 WHITCOMB FRENCH was the son of the late Whitcomb and Sally Patrick French, b. in Dublin, July 9, 1794. He m., Nov. 27, 1817, Mary Kendall, dau. of Joel Kendall, of Dublin, b. May 25, 1797. He had r. in various places, as in Nelson, Jaffrey, Keene, &c. Engaged in staging and in the livery-stable business till he moved to Peterborough, 1833. He had charge of the hotel in town to December, 1849, nearly seventeen years. He was a very acceptable landlord, and kept a very respectable house, with a good reputation far and wide. When he left the hotel he bought the Ferguson farm, and occupied it for some years. Unable to carry on a large farm, on account of his declining years, he sold the same, and purchased a residence in the village, where he now r.

Their golden wedding was celebrated Nov. 27, 1867, by a gathering of all the children, grandchildren, and other friends, on this occasion. Of their eight ch., all





Whitcomb French



were alive, the youngest being twenty-six years old, and five of them were present; and of the thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, seven grandchildren were also present.

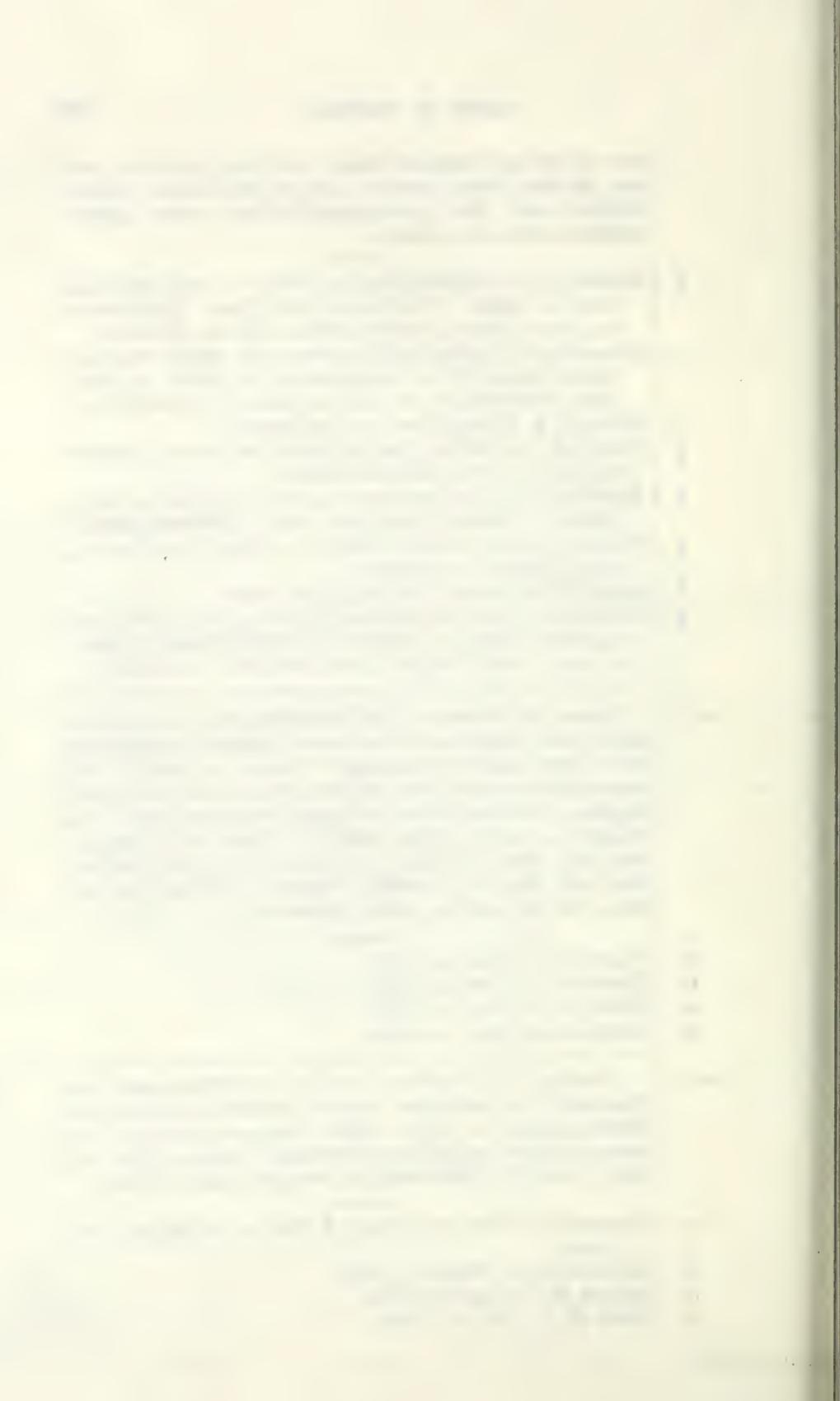
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- 2    *Eliza G.*, b. in Nelson, Sept. 2, 1818; m., Sept. 28, 1840,  
    Jesse C. Little; r. Salt Lake City, Utah. Had eleven  
    ch., five of whom are now living in Utah Territory.
- 3    *Granville*, b. Dublin, July 2, 1820; m., April 26, 1843,  
    Relief Walker, b. in Dummerston, Vt., Sept. 15, 1817.  
    1 ch., Frederick W., b. July 19, 1847; r. Epworth, Ia.
- 4    *Mary S.*, b. Jaffrey, Dec. 4, 1823; unm.
- 5    †*Henry K.*, b. Jaffrey, Jan. 21, 1826; m., 1st w., Harriet  
    N. Gray; 2d w., Amanda Adams.
- 6    *Marshall W.*, b. Jaffrey, Sept. 4, 1827; m., Jan. 10, 1855,  
    Lizzie T. Wales, b. Sept. 26, 1830; r. Palmer, Mass.
- 7    †*Charles D.*, b. Keene, March 29, 1830; m., Jan. 23,  
    1851, Nancy L. Holbrook.
- 8    *Sarah F.*, b. Keene, Feb. 22, 1832; unm.
- 9    *William P.*, b. in Peterborough, June 4, 1841; m., June  
    29, 1868, Helen A. Shearer, of Palmer, Mass., b. Nov.  
    2, 1841; 2 ch., Willie S., and John W.; r. Palmer.
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I- 5    **HENRY K. FRENCH.** He succeeded his father in the same house, and has shown himself eminently possessed of all the qualities necessary "to run a hotel." He thoroughly repaired and enlarged the house at a great expense, and has ever since kept a first-class hotel. He m., 1st w., July 9, 1850, Harriet N. Gray, of Wilton, b. Aug. 21, 1829; d. Oct. 13, 1852, æ. 23 yrs.; 2d w., Nov. 20, 1855, S. Amanda Adams, b. Mason, July 10, 1834; 1st w., one ch.; 2d w., three ch.

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- 10    *Frank G.*, b. June 10, 1852.
- 11    *Charlie H.*, b. Dec. 22, 1856.
- 12    *Hattie A.*, b. Aug. 27, 1858.
- 13    *George A.*, b. Sept. 22, 1860.
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I- 7    **CHARLES D. FRENCH.** He re. to Chickasaw and Deerfield, Ia., and after a short residence returned to Peterborough in 1858, where he now resides. He served in the war of the Rebellion. He m., Jan. 23, 1851, Nancy L. Holbrook; b. Swanzey, Aug. 1, 1827.

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- 14    *Charles W.*, b. Nov. 20, 1854; d. Feb. 26, 1856, æ. 1 yr.,  
    3 mos.
- 15    *H. Edward*, b. March 15, 1857.
- 16    *Minnie M.*, b. June 17, 1861.
- 17    *Katie H.*, b. Nov. 11, 1871.

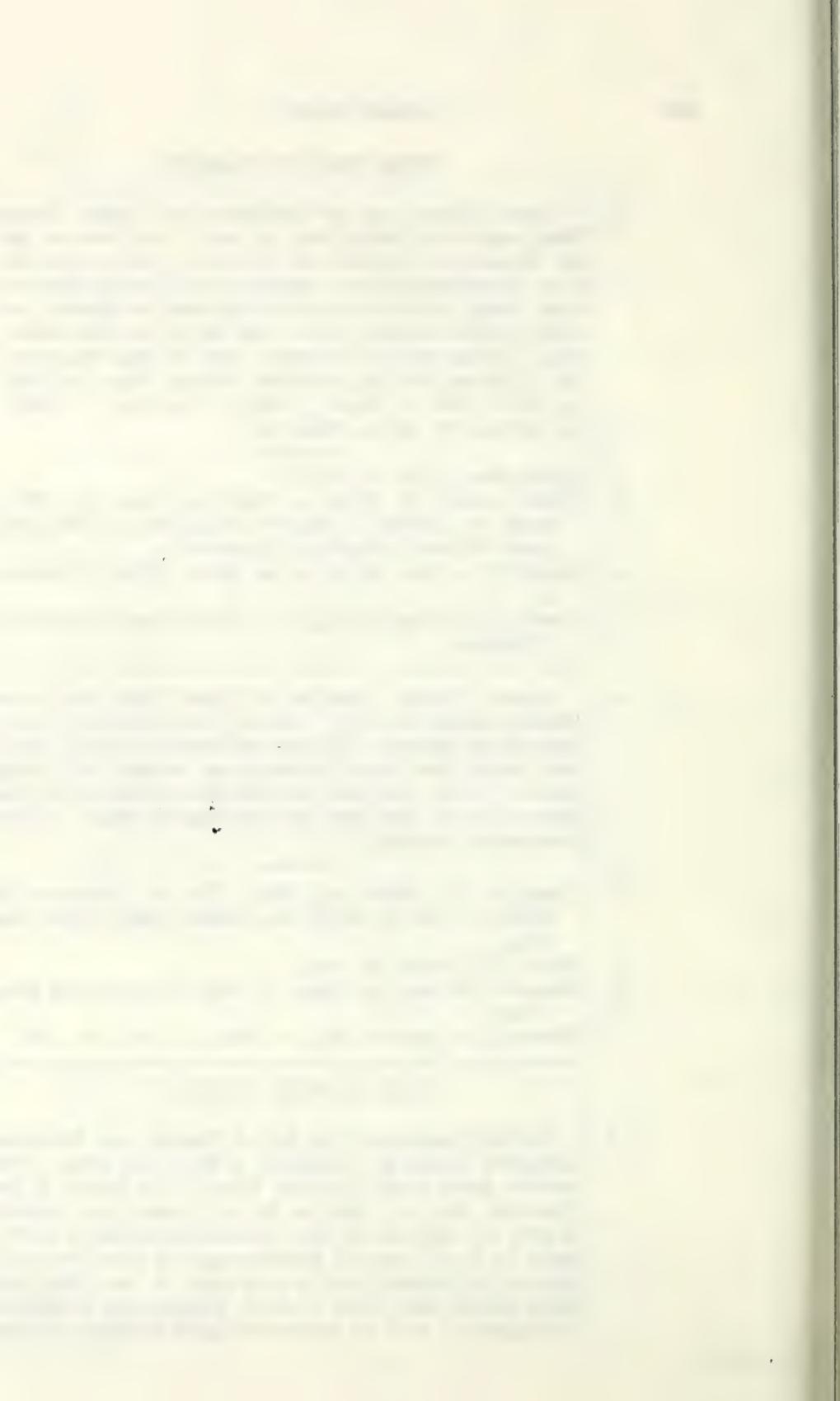


## THE FROST FAMILY. .

- 1 CYRUS FROST, son of Benjamin and Annis Pierce Frost, was b. in Dublin, May 12, 1807. He lived on the old homestead in Dublin till March 13, 1852, when he re. to Peterborough, and occupied the Charles Davison farm, being a part of the Gridley farm, or farm A, so called, of five hundred acres. He m., 1st w., November, 1829, Cyntha Nay, of Sharon. She d. Jan. 20, 1837; 2d w., Betsey McCoy, of Sharon, Nov. 9, 1837; b. Sept. 24, 1807. She d. Sept. 3, 1858, æ. 50 yrs., 11 mos.; 1st w., one ch.; 2d w., three ch.
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- 2 Lydia Ann, b. July 30, 1831.
- 3 Charles Albert, b. Sept. 9, 1838; m., June 16, 1868, Sarah A. Garfield, b. May 22, 1841, dau. of Wm. and Annis Walker Garfield, of Claremont.
- 4 Sarah E., b. Dec. 15, 1839; m. Miflin Bailey, Tremont, Ill.
- 5 Cyntha A., b. Aug. 6, 1843; m., 1876, Henry F. Mears; r. Nashua.
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- 6 ALBERT FROST, a brother of Cyrus Frost, was b. in Dublin, March 20, 1817. He m., Feb. 21, 1843, Mary Boutelle, of Antrim. He came to Peterborough in 1848, and bought the Daniel Abbot place, where Dr. Young formerly lived, and has resided there since. He has been sexton for the town for a number of years. He is a carpenter by trade.
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- 6 George A., b. March 23, 1844. He m. Oriseville S. Fisher, b. Jan. 21, 1848; ch., Albert Orvis, b. Dec. 10, 1869.
- 7 Mary E., b. April 30, 1847.
- 8 Eugene L., b. Aug. 30, 1849; d. Aug. 21, 1852, æ. 2 yrs., 11 mos.
- 9 Emma F., b. July 17, 1851; d. Aug. 10, 1852, æ. 1 yr.
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## THE GATES FAMILY.

- 1 SAMUEL GATES was the son of Samuel and Susanna Laughton Gates, of Hancock, b. Feb. 15, 1791. His parents came from Rutland, Mass. His father d. in Hancock, Aug. 28, 1838, æ. 86 yrs., 9 mos.; his mother d. May 15, 1857, æ. 99 yrs. Samuel Gates was a blacksmith by trade, came to Peterborough in 1814, and carried on his business half a mile west of the village, on High Street, near where Isaac F. Preston now lives, and continued his work till his health failed in 1841, when he



was appointed postmaster, which office he held till his death, 1854. He was also made town clerk, which office he held nine years, from 1841 to 1850. During the last years of his life he suffered from a severe paralysis, which hopelessly impaired the use of his limbs; and the duties of the post-office were very acceptably performed for some years by his dau. Susan, afterwards Mrs. M. L. Morrison. He m., 1st w., Sarah S. Ferguson, Sept. 3, 1816. She d. June 25, 1822, æ. 27 yrs.; 2d w., Oct. 26, 1824, Charlotte Mitchell. She d. Oct. 16, 1851, æ. 53 yrs. He d. May 7, 1854, æ. 63 yrs.; 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., five ch.

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- 2 *George S.*, b. July 23, 1817; m. Christine Fletcher; r. Groton, Mass.; c.
  - 3 *Sybil E.*, b. April 14, 1819; m. John Holmes, June 15, 1858; r. Springfield, Vt.; d. April 24, 1863, æ. 43 yrs., 9 mos.; ch., George G., b. July 15, 1859; d. Sept. 15, 1860, æ. 1 yr., 2 mos.
  - 4 *Sarah S.*, b. June 8, 1822; d. July 27, 1822, æ. 1 mo., 19 dys.
  - 5 *Henry*, b. May 3, 1825; d. July 5, 1826, æ. 1 yr., 2 mos.
  - 6 *John*, b. Feb. 27, 1827; m., Sept. 21, 1856, Octavia Sampson, of Hartford, Me.
  - 7 *Charlotte M.*, b. Feb. 14, 1830; m., Dec. 23, 1860, Chas. M. Townsend; r. Springfield, Vt.; ch., John G., b. Dec. 19, 1865.
  - 8 *Henry*, b. March 24, 1832; r. at the South; d. Savannah, Ga., 1875, æ. 43 yrs.
  - 9 *Susan M.*, b. March 13, 1835; m. Mortier L. Morrison, Aug. 4, 1861.
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### THE GIBBS FAMILY.

- 1 DANIEL GIBBS, as near as can be ascertained, came to Peterborough about 1793 from Ashburnham, Mass. He moved to the place he occupied during his life, in the east part of the town, one-half a mile directly north of the Cunningham Pond. He began to carry the mail on horseback in 1804, and continued to do so for about ten years, from Brattleboro, Vt., to Portsmouth, once a week. All Boston mail-matter came by way of Keene every Saturday afternoon—a mail once a week from Boston! After this Mr. Gibbs carried the mail in a little one-horse wagon. He was as regular on his course as the sun. He pursued this course about twenty years, and just before the mail was to be carried on a stage, then about to be established, he was killed in passing the great bridge in the village, then under repair, by one



wheel of his vehicle running off the bridge, and he being precipitated with the seat of the wagon down upon the rocks below, and so injured that he lived but two hours. The first words that he uttered to those who came to his assistance were: "Take care of the mail," and then "that he was fatally injured." He was an honest and worthy man. He m. Lydia Woods, of Ashburnham, Mass., who d. April 14, 1836, æ. 75 yrs. He d. Sept. 25, 1824, æ. 74 yrs. \*

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- 2 *Polly*, b. April 1, 1780; d. April 17, 1795, æ. 14 yrs.  
 3 †*Asa*, b. Aug. 29, 1783; m., 1st w., Polly Gregg; 2d w., Sally Porter.  
 4 †*Abel*, b. July 18, 1787; m. Nancy Porter.  
 5 *Lydia W.*, b. Aug. 29, 1798; m. John Gardner; 2d hus., Rev. Wm. Hogan, January, 1828, in Savannah, Ga. He d. January, 1848, æ. 52 yrs. She d. at Peterborough, Sept. 20, 1875, æ. 77 yrs.  
 6 *Sally F.*, b. 1800; d. May 29, 1820, æ. 20 yrs.
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I- 3 ASA GIBBS. He m., 1st w., Mary Gregg, dau. Major Samuel Gregg, March 16, 1809. She d. Feb. 24, 1813, æ. 31 yrs. He m., 2d w., Sally Porter, dau. James Porter, July 4, 1815. She d. Oct. 24, 1859, æ. 77 yrs. He d. May 27, 1849, æ. 65 yrs. After the death of his father, Mr. Gibbs carried the mail in a two-horse carriage until stages were established in 1826 or '7; 1st w., two ch.; 2d w., two ch.

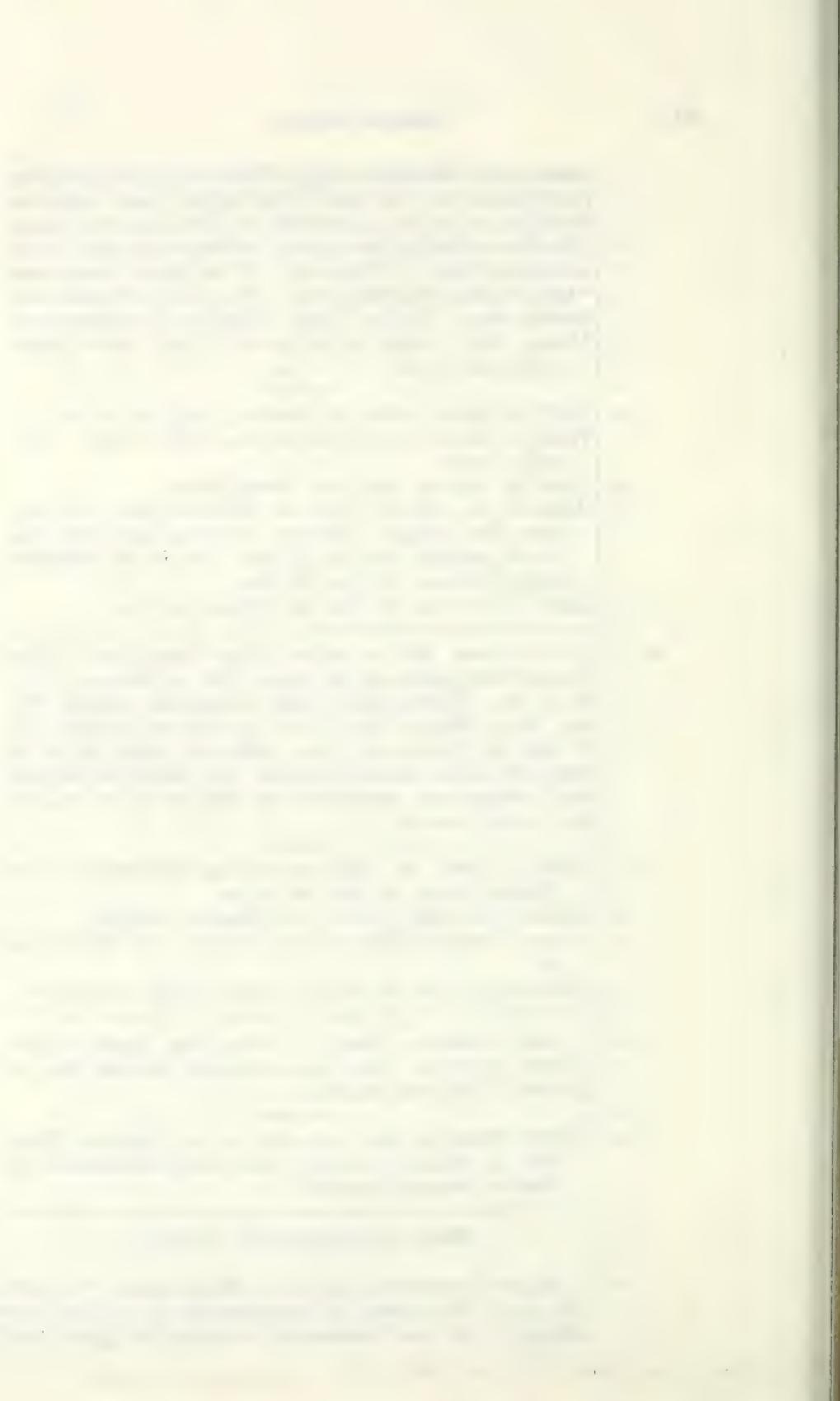
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- 7 *Mary*, b. Dec. 10, 1808; m. Philip Alexander; d. at Woburn, Sept. 14, 1872, æ. 64 yrs.  
 8 *Sarah S.*, b. May 7, 1812; m. James G. White.  
 9 *Nancy Curtis*, b. May 1, 1820; d. Dec. 18, 1866, æ. 46 yrs.  
 10 *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 28, 1823; d. Dec. 2, 1861, æ. 39 yrs.
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I- 4 ABEL GIBBS m. Nancy C. Porter, dau. James Porter, March 13, 1816. He d. in Savannah, Ga., in 1819, æ. 32 yrs. They had one ch.

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- II *James Porter*, b. Sept. 11, 1816; d. at Woburn, Mass., Oct. 9, 1842, æ. 26 yrs. Mrs. Gibbs afterwards m. Deacon Samuel Maynard.
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#### THE GOODRIDGE FAMILY.

- I RILEY GOODRIDGE was b. in Westminster, Vt., June 18, 1795. He came to Peterborough to work at machinery. He was postmaster a number of years, and



having gone West on some business he d. at Council Bluffs City, Ia., Sept. 8, 1851, æ. 56 yrs., 2 mos. He m. Polly D. Powers, dau. Whitcomb and Merriam B. Powers, Nov. 8, 1830. She d. at Peterborough, June 12, 1870, æ. 77 yrs.

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- 2 *Mary Antoinette*, b. Aug. 24, 1831; m. Charles Goldthwaite, Sept. 13, 1859. One ch., Mary Louisa, b. May 8, 1862.
- 3 *Louisa T.*, b. June 25, 1833; m. Josephus Emery, Nov. 23, 1854. She d. April 27, 1860, æ 26 yrs., 10 mos.; r. Lowell.

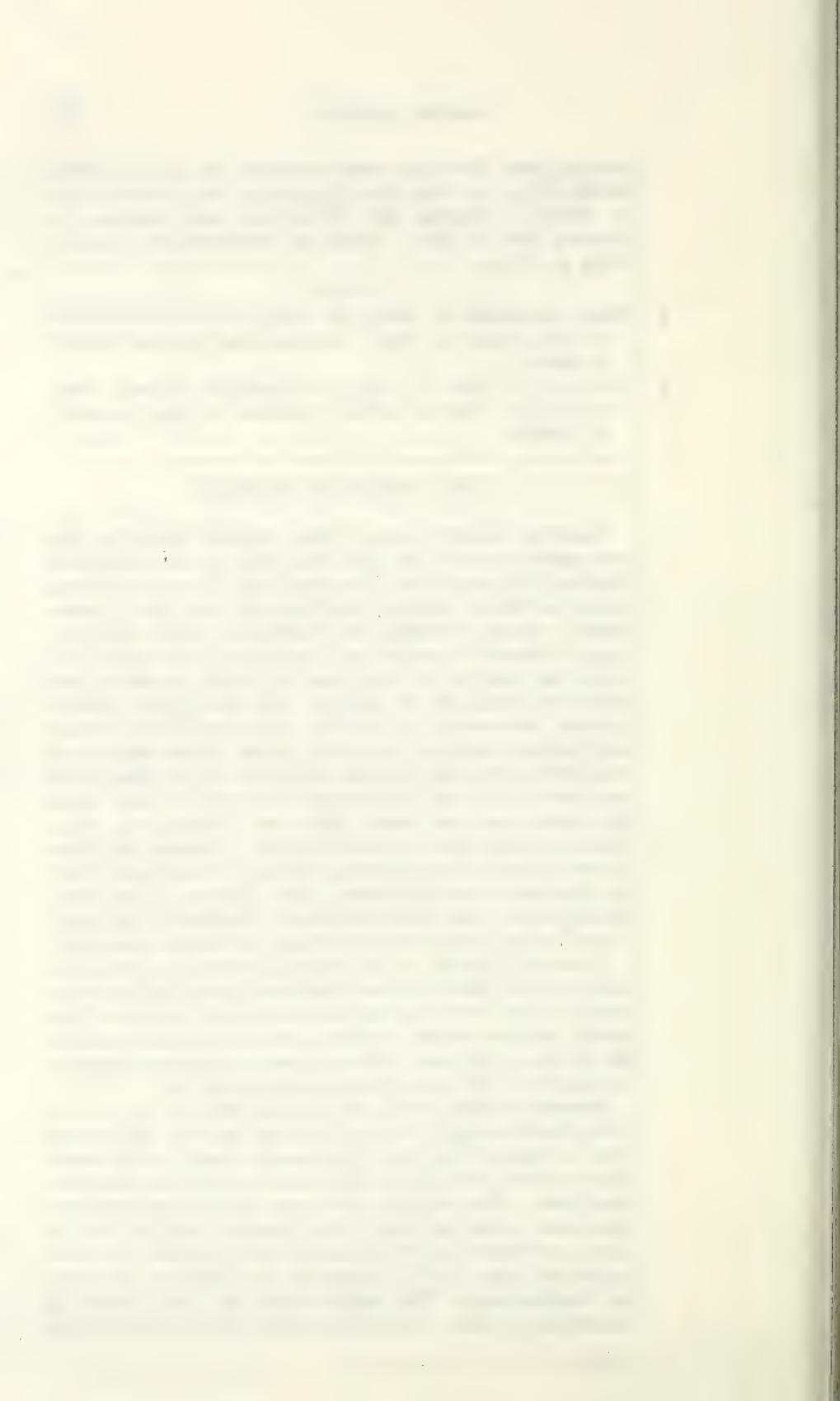
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### THE GORDON FAMILY.

I SAMUEL GORDON came from Ireland when he was seventeen years of age, and was the son of Nathaniel Gordon, who was b. in the county of Tyrone, Ireland, 1700; m. Sarah Martin; had four ch., *viz.*, John, James (who d. young), Samuel, and Hannah. About the year 1749 Nathaniel Gordon and family arrived in Boston. John, his son, b. in 1729, was a brewer by trade, and went into business in Boston, with the great Samuel Adams, between 1750 and '60. Nathaniel, the father, and Samuel, went to Dunstable, Mass., in the employ of William Gordon, an English merchant of that place, and remained five years, then bought a farm in Shirley, when the father and two sons, John and Samuel, re. to it. The next move was to Peterborough. Samuel and family re. in 1780; their parents, Nathaniel and Sarah Martin Gordon, came with them. Mrs. Gordon d. in Peterborough in 1781, and Nathaniel Gordon d. in 1788. There are no gravestones for them in the old cemetery.

Eleanor Mitchell, w. of Samuel Gordon, re. from Ireland to Cape Breton, when the French and English were at war, where her father was killed, and all the rest of the family but her mother, brother, and herself, were carried off by the small-pox. Her mother, after they came to Boston, m. a Mr. Holden, and had several ch.

Samuel Gordon was b. in Ireland, May 17, 1732, and d. in Peterborough, Dec. 2, 1818, æ. 86 yrs. His w. d. Nov. 2, 1820, æ. 74 yrs. He always lived on the same place that he first occupied in town, known as the Gordon farm. He and his wife were strict Presbyterians, good and pious persons. Mr. Gordon was the first to sign a remonstrance, with twenty others, against the ordination of Rev. Elijah Dunbar to the Christian ministry in Peterborough. We suppose that he was a man of moderate talents. Among the town offices held by him

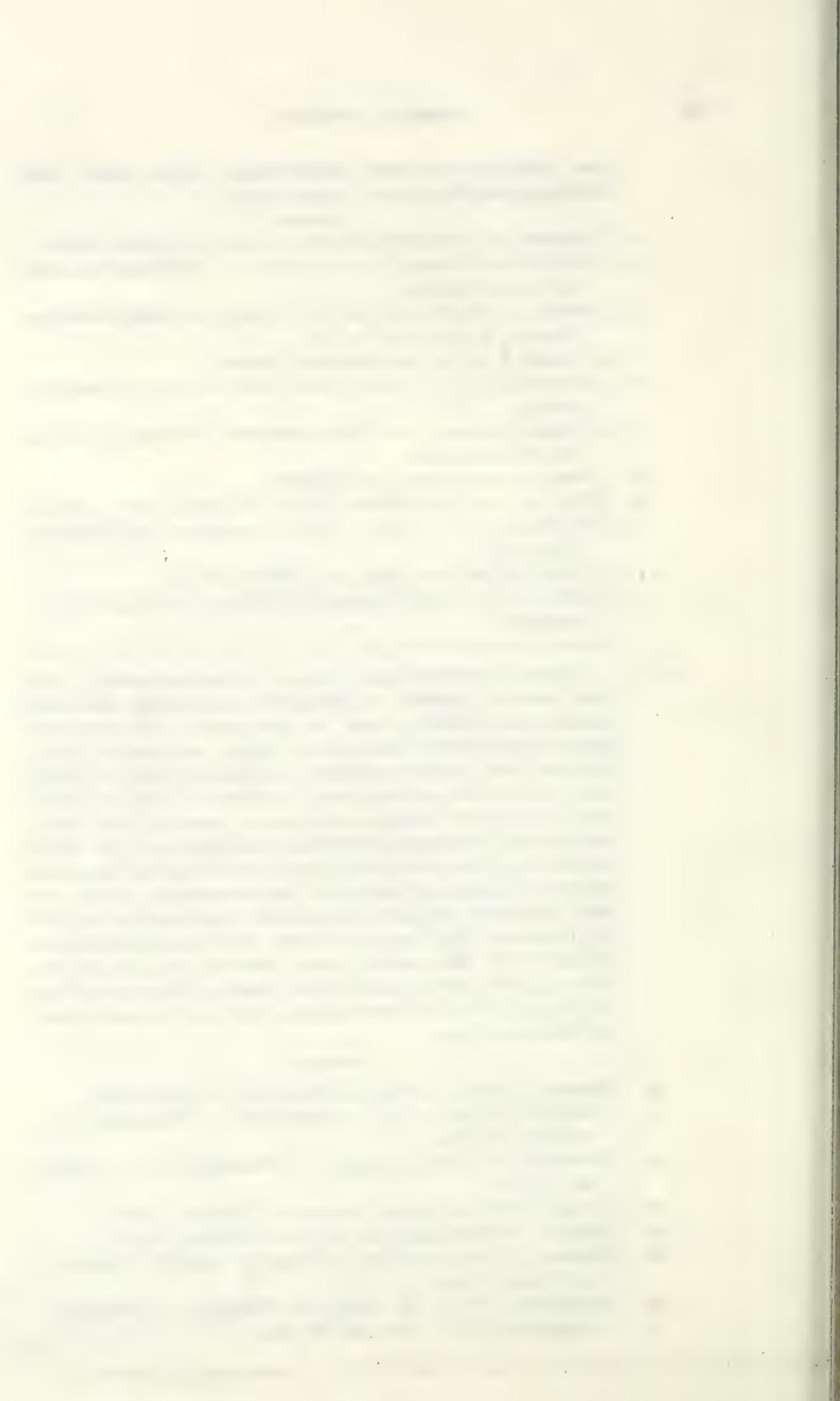


we find that he was pound-keeper eight years, and tithing-man three years before 1804.

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- 2    †*Samuel*, b. in Shirley, May 27, 1765; m. Lydia Ames.  
 3    *Sally*, b. in Shirley, Feb. 10, 1767; r. Charlestown, with her uncle Holden.  
 4    *Betsey*, b. in Shirley, Jan. 23, 1769; m. Joseph Barnes, Sharon, Sept. 17, 1801; d.  
 5    *Hannah*, b. 1772; m. Stephen Pierce.  
 6    *Nathaniel*, b. — ; re. to New York; d. 1827; frozen to death.  
 7    *Eleanor*, b. — ; m. Capt. Andrew Cochran, U. S. A., March 11, 1816.  
 8    *Jane*, b. — ; unm. ; r. Milford.  
 9    *Polly*, b. — ; m. Adam Dickey, Milford, Nov. 7, 1808.  
 10   *Nehemiah*, b. — ; unm. ; went to sea; d. at Martha's Vineyard.  
 11   †*John*, b. Dec. 20, 1790; m. Betsey Smith.  
 12   *Nancy*, b. — ; m. Thomas M. Dickey, Jan. 26, 1815; r. Amherst.
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1- 2   SAMUEL GORDON was a man of superior talents. He first located himself at Hancock as a trader, and soon became the leading man in that town. He removed from Hancock to Charlestown, Mass., and kept a hotel. At one time public suspicion rested on him as being concerned in the robbery and murder of David Starrett, on Charlestown bridge, who was a guest at his hotel, and who all at once mysteriously disappeared, his rifled trunk being found on the bridge, but who, after some ten or twelve years, his estate in the meanwhile being settled in probate in New Hampshire, was found to be living in one of the Western States. Mr. Gordon removed to Hallowell, Me., and d. there, June 23, 1853, æ. 88 yrs. He m. Lydia Ames, dau. David Ames, of Hancock, May 20, 1790. She d. at same place, July 5, 1853, æ. 79 yrs.; b. Feb. 19, 1774.

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- 13   *Samuel*, b. Aug. 7, 1791, in Hancock; d. in infancy.  
 14   *Yorick S.*, b. Jan. 9, 1793, in Hancock; d. Pineville, S. C., 1820, æ. 27 yrs.  
 15   *Oliver H.*, b. June 27, 1794; d. Woodside, N. J., 1869, æ. 75 yrs.  
 16   *Lydia*, b. Dec. 25, 1795; m. — Kimball; he d.  
 17   *Isabella*, b. June 14, 1798; m. — White; he d.  
 18   *Eleanor*, b. Jan. 30, 1800; d. Sept. 8, 1808, in Hancock, æ. 8 yrs., 7 mos.  
 19   *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 13, 1805; m. Thomas B. Brooks; d. Brooklyn, N.Y., 1871, æ. 66 yrs.



- 20 *Rebecca C.*, b. Feb. 29, 1808; d. June 27, 1808, in Hancock, æ. 4 mos.
- 21 *Samuel A.*, b. Oct. 3, 1810; d. Hallowell, Me., Feb. 26, 1845, æ. 35 yrs.
- 22 *Sarah M.*, b. March 6, 1813; m. Dr. Justus Hurd; r. St. Louis, Mo.
- 23 *John Clark*, b. Oct. 12, 1818; d. Oct. 19, 1818, æ. 7 dys. The first nine were b. in Hancock, the remainder in Charlestown, Mass.

1- 11 JOHN GORDON succeeded his father on the homestead, and remained there till after the death of his parents. He re. to Montebello, Ill., in 1831, where he d. April 3, 1839, æ. 48 yrs. He m. Betsey Smith, dau. Deacon Jona. Smith, Dec. 31, 1819, who d. Aug. 12, 1845, æ. 50 yrs.

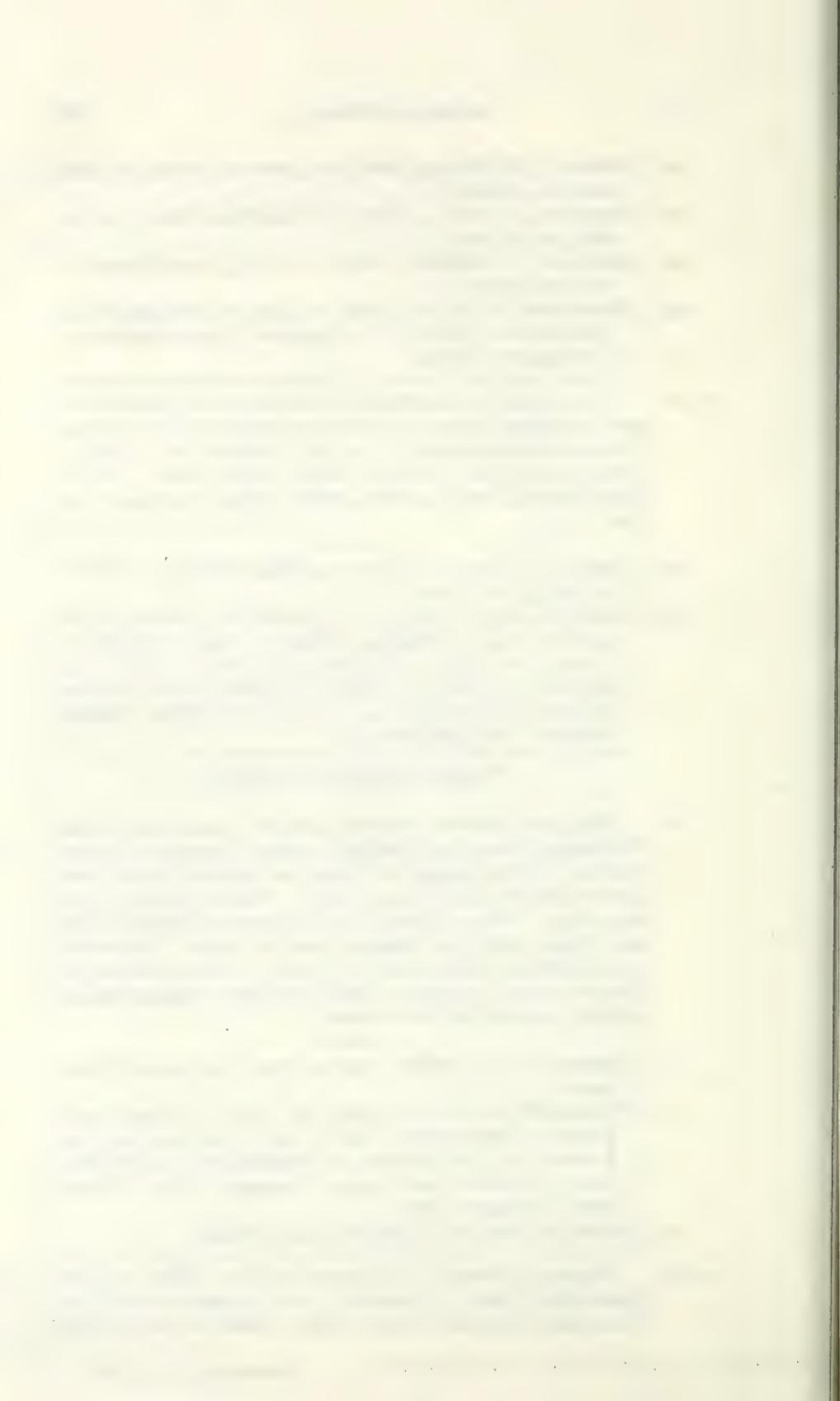
- 24 *Jona. S.*, b. Oct. 20, 1822; d. Montebello, Ill., March 27, 1839, æ. 17 yrs.
- 25 *Samuel*, b. May 3, 1825; m. Permelia A. Alvord, April 3, 1851; ch., (1) Ella E., b. Oct. 1, 1852; (2) John A., b. Aug. 21, 1855; (3) Alice A., b. Jan. 14, 1858; (4) Agnes C., b. Dec. 17, 1860; (5) Robert Smith, b. Dec. 10, 1866; (6) Mabel B., b. Dec. 30, 1870. Samuel Gordon r. in Hamilton, Ill.

### THE GOWING FAMILY.

1 WILLIAM GOWING was the son of James and Lydia Wellman Gowing, of Dublin,—one of twelve children. He re. to Peterborough in 1794; m. Abigail Miller, dau. Samuel Miller, Sen., Jan. 6, 1795. She d. Feb. 23, 1830, æ. 72 yrs. He m., 2d w., Lucy Adams, of Sharon, Nov. 25, 1830. She d. in Sharon, Nov. 27, 1862. He was b. in Lynnfield, Mass., March 1, 1766; d. at Peterborough, Oct. 25, 1854, æ. 87 yrs. He lived on the Miller place, directly east of the Smith farm.

- 2 *Margaret*, b. in Dublin, Jan. 1, 1796; m. Daniel Chapman.
- 3 *William H.*, b. Oct. 21, 1798; m., May 6, 1830, Laura Hale; r. East Wilton. He d. July 8, 1859, æ. 60 yrs., 8 mos.; ch., (1) Ariana; m. Warren Jones, East Wilton; (2) Sarah; m. Joseph Langdell, East Wilton. Mrs. Gowing d. 1875.
- 4 †*Moses*, b. Sept. 11, 1800; m. Mary Jewett.

1- 4 MOSES GOWING. He succeeded his father on the homestead, and r. there till 18—, when he sold his farm and removed to the village where he now lives.



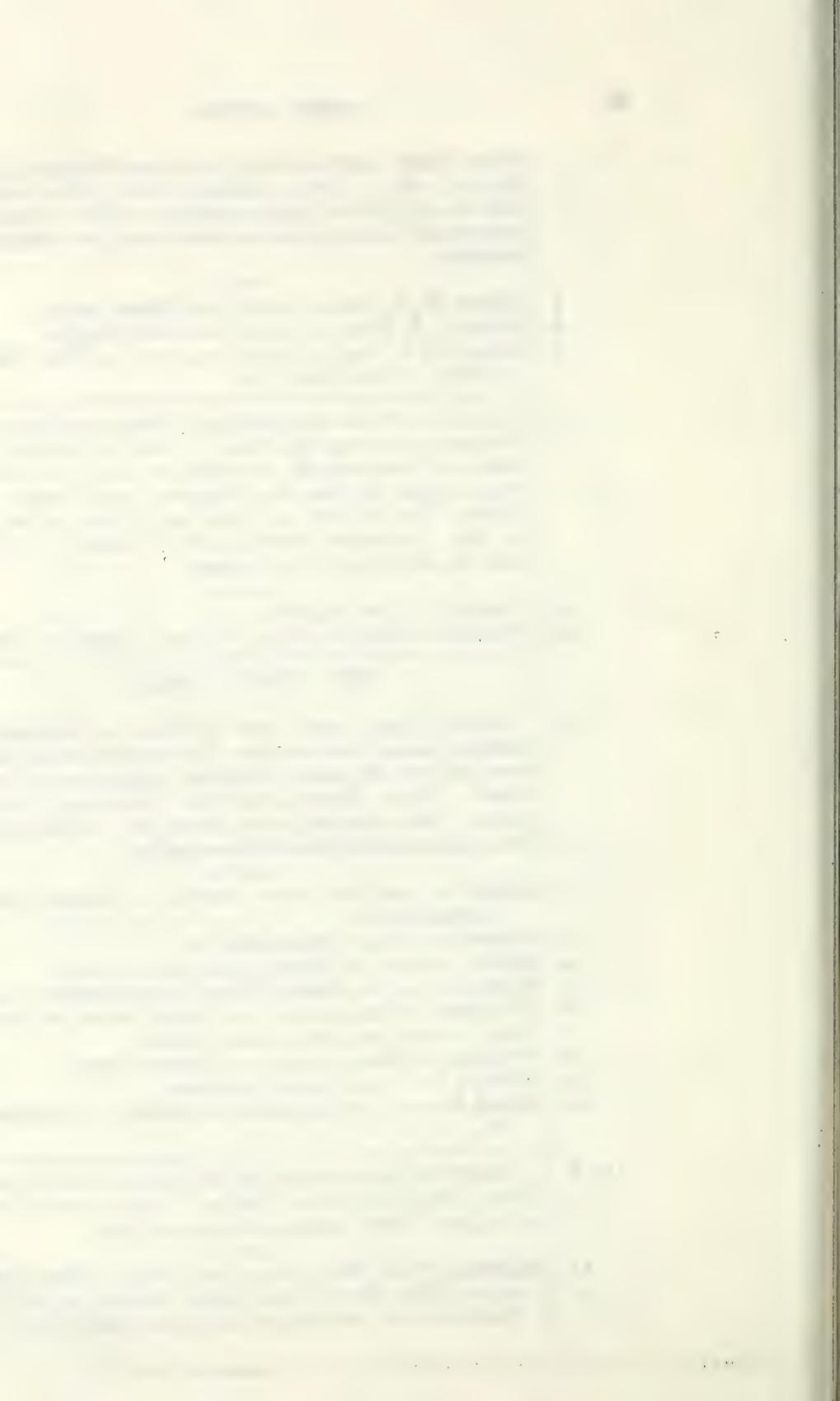
He m. Mary Jewett, dau. of John and Margaret Jewett, Sept. 8, 1825. They celebrated their golden wedding Sept. 8, 1875, by a large assemblage of their friends, and were made the recipients of many useful and substantial presents.

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- 5     *Sophia M.*, b. Dec. 28, 1826; m. Albert Sawyer.  
 6     *Mary E.*, b. Nov. 30, 1828; m. Albert Taggart.  
 7     *Henry M.*, b. Sept. 11, 1832; m., Oct. 15, 1866, Tillie E. Irving; r. New York City.
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- 8     ASA F. GOWING was the son of Joseph and Hepzibeth Fairbanks Gowing; b. Dec. 8, 1808, in Dublin. He came to Peterborough to reside in 1840; m., Dec. 2, 1845, Agnes Robbe, dau. Samuel and Betsey Scott Robbe. She d. May 20, 1852, æ. 37 yrs.; 2d w., May 31, 1853, Catharine Robbe, sister of above; c. He d. June 30, 1872, æ. 63 yrs., 6 mos.
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- 9     *Lizzie R.*, b. Dec. 15, 1847.  
 10    *Frederick*, b. Aug. 15, 1851; d. Dec. 4, 1851, æ. 3 mos.
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#### THE GRAY FAMILY.

- 1     KELSO GRAY came from Pelham to Peterborough probably about 1766 or '67. The record of the family must be very imperfect from the scanty materials furnished. He m. Phebe Gray, who d. March 27, 1814, æ. 74 yrs. He d. Oct. 28, 1824, æ. 86 yrs. He began the Gray farm, south of David Blanchard's.
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- 2     *Hugh*, b. ——; m. Jenny Moore, of Sharon; re. to Montpelier, Vt.  
 3     *Reuben*, b. ——; r. Montpelier, Vt.  
 4     *Esther*, b. 1770; d. March 5, 1795, æ. 25 yrs.  
 5     *Kelso*, b. ——; m. Anna Wilson; r. Montpelier, Vt.  
 6     †*Matthew*, b. Dec. 9, 1772; m. Polly Conner, of Poplin.  
 7     *Jean*, b. 1776; m. John Shearer White.  
 8     †*William*, b. Dec. 3, 1781; m. Harriet Scott.  
 9     *Phebe*, b. ——; m. Adam Penniman.  
 10    *David*, b. ——; m. Drusilla La Baines; r. Montpelier, Vt.
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- 1- 6    MATTHEW GRAY succeeded his father on the old place. He m. Mary Conner, of Poplin. She d. Jan. 8, 1846, æ. 75 yrs. He d. Dec. 25, 1841, æ. 69 yrs.
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- 11    *Matthew, Jr.*, b. May 3, 1797; m., 1st w., Nancy Clark; 2d w., Mrs. Rhoda Hutchinson Bartlett; r. Milford. Only one dau. survives of all his ch.; she by 2d w.



- 12 *Mary*, b. Aug. 3, 1799; m. Wm. Miller; 2d hus., Wm. S. Smith.  
 13 *Azuba*, b. Nov. 27, 1801; m. Hiram Chapman.  
 14 †*William Conner*, b. June 8, 1804; m. Lucinda Parker.  
 15 *Lorinda*, b. Nov. 14, 1806; m. David Emerson; 2d hus., Warren Woods Hancock. She d. Hancock.
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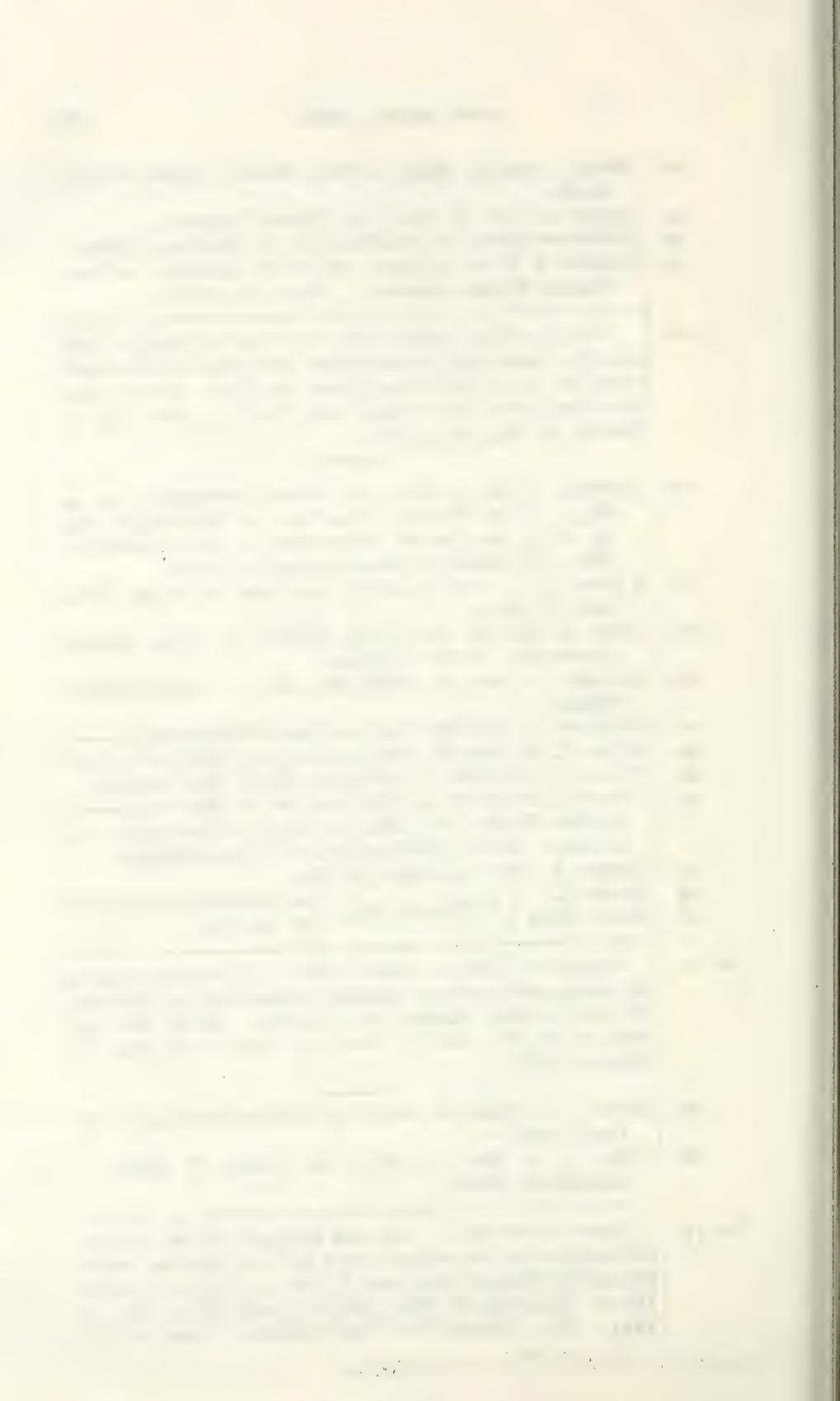
1- 8 WILLIAM GRAY settled and lived on the George Duncan, Jr., place until within a few years before his death, when he re. to the village, where he died. He m. Harriet Scott, dau. John Scott, Esq., April 4, 1811. He d. March 31, 1855, æ. 74 yrs.

- 16 *Bethiah*, b. Jan. 7, 1812; m. Moses Greenfield, Jan. 19, 1835. He d. Nov. 28, 1844; ch., (1) Bethiah, b. Oct. 25, 1835; m. Lucien Alexander; 1. ch., Lizzie, b. 1861; (2) Maria, b. June 10, 1845; d. 1846.  
 17 †*John S.*, b. June 11, 1813; m., Dec. 21, 1842, Elizabeth H. Flint.  
 18 *Jane*, b. July 8, 1815; m., March 25, 1832, Lyman Knowlton. He d. in Nelson.  
 19 *Harriet*, b. Jan. 30, 1818; m., Jan. 1, 1839, Horatio Nelson.  
 20 *William S.*, b. Oct. 13, 1819; m. Louisa Whitcomb; r. ——.  
 21 *Adam P.*, b. June 10, 1823; d. Aug. 15, 1842, æ 19 yrs.  
 22 †*Charles S.*, b. Nov. 25, 1824; m. Lydia Ann Stevens.  
 23 *James S.*, b. March 9, 1829; m., 1st w., Mary Ann ——, in New York City. She d. Aug. 8, 1852, æ. 20 yrs., 11 mos.; 2d w., Ada Lewis; c.; r. Peterborough.  
 24 *Samuel*, b. April 29, 1832; d. 1832.  
 25 *Sarah E.*, } b. Feb. 22, 1835; } m. Reuben Baldwin; d.  
 26 *Mary Eliza*, } d. in 1836.
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6- 14 WILLIAM CONNER GRAY. He r. in various places in town, and devoted himself principally to farming. He m. Lucinda Parker, Jan 23, 1834. He d. May 25, 1865, æ. 61 yrs. She d. Nov. 17, 1870, æ. 62 yrs.; b. Nov. 2, 1808.

- 27 *Helen F.*, b. June 18, 1836; m. William McCain; r. St. Paul, Minn.  
 28 *Clara L.*, b. Nov. 25, 1842; m. Ervin H. Smith; r. Springfield, Mass.
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8- 17 JOHN SCOTT GRAY. He was engaged in the mercantile business in the village, when he was attacked with a prevailing typhoid fever, and d. Oct. 13, 1843, æ. 30 yrs. He m. Elizabeth H. Flint, dau. of Jacob Flint, Dec. 21, 1842. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Gray, widow of John S. Gray,



m., 2d hus., Samuel Nay, Esq., of Sharon, April 3, 1863; r. in town.

29 *John Flint*, b. —— ; d. Oct. 17, 1848, æ. 5 yrs.

8-22 CHARLES SCOTT GRAY. He fell from his buildings while repairing the same, and fractured the fourth vertebra of his spine, of which he d., after a painful sickness, Oct. 26, 1868, æ. 43 yrs., 11 mos. He m. Lydia Ann Stevens, dau. of Joshua Stevens, Nov. 4, 1847. He lived on the homestead.

30 *Charles S.*, b. Sept. 1, 1848 ; d. Aug. 29, 1849, æ. 1 yr.

31 *Lizzie Ann*, b. Aug. 12, 1850 ; d. Dec. 24, 1850, æ. 4 mos.

32 *Fred A.*, b. June 13, 1852.

33 *John S.*, b. Dec. 27, 1854.

34 *Arthur H.*, b. Oct. 4, 1857.

35 *Annie C.*, b. Aug. 17, 1859.

36 *Franze S.*, b. Dec. 17, 1861 ; d. Sept. 12, 1870, æ. 8 yrs., 8 mos.

37 *Addie L.*, b. Feb. 3, 1863.

38 *James S.*, b. Sept. 16, 1864.

39 *Charles S.*, b. Oct. 15, 1865.

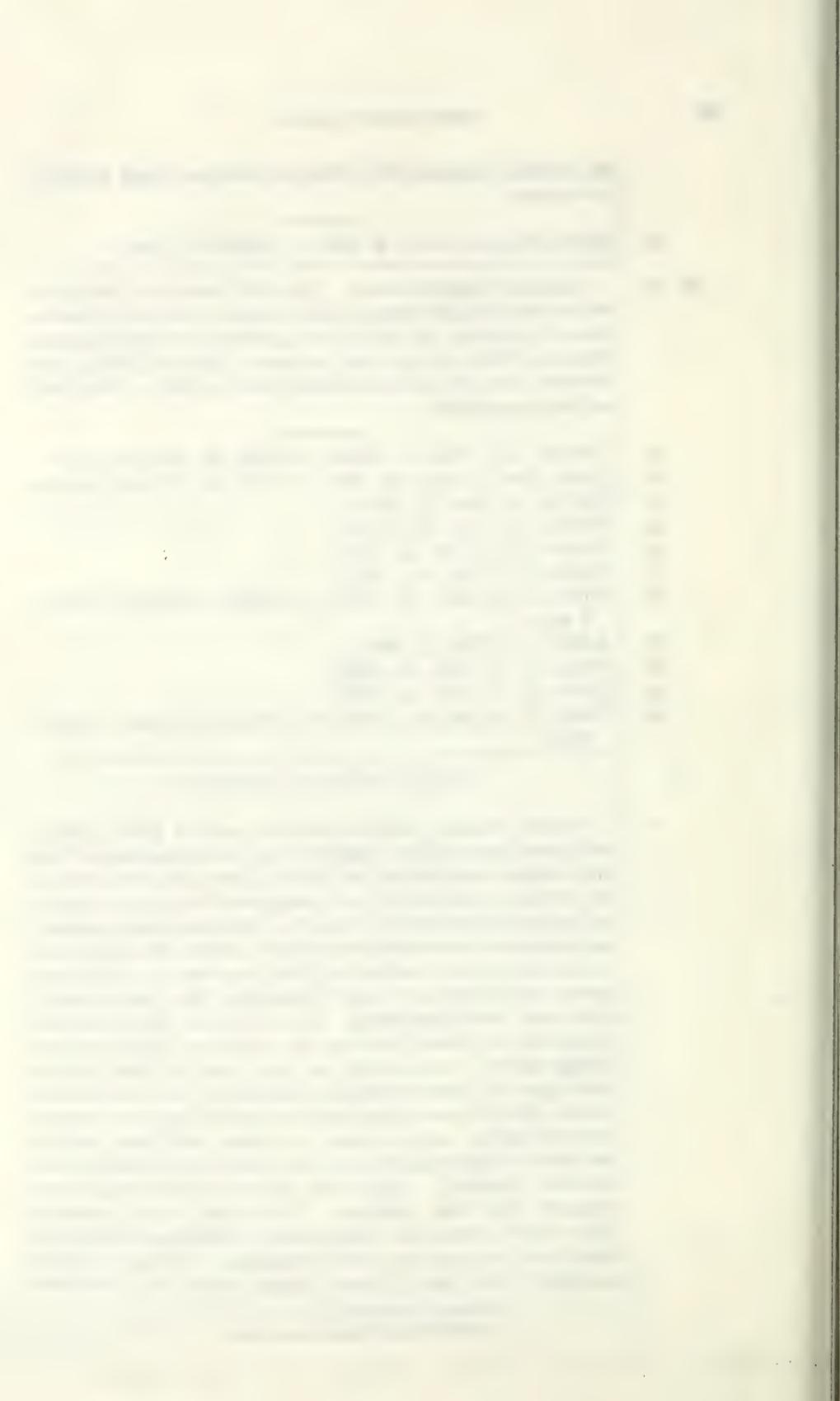
40 *Perley B.*, b. July 22, 1867 ; d. Feb. 6, 1871, æ. 3 yrs., 6 mos.

### THE GREGG FAMILY.

1 MAJOR SAMUEL GREGG was the son of John Gregg, and grandson of Capt. James Gregg, who was one of the first sixteen who settled in Londonderry, and who was b. in Ayrshire, Scotland, and emigrated with his parents to Ireland about the year 1690.\* He was a linen draper, and acquired considerable property before he emigrated to America. He embarked for America in 1718, and spent the winter at Cape Elizabeth, Me., amid many trials and much suffering. He had four sons and one daughter; of these John was the father of Major Samuel Gregg above. He moved on to a tract of land in the north part of Peterborough, situated on the Contoocook River, about three miles north of the village, as a squatter, and before any company or claim had been put on the land in that vicinity, and soon after the Indians had left for Canada.† After this, little hostility was experienced from the Indians. The tribe that annoyed this vicinity was the Pennacooks, considered the most cruel and savage on the continent. We are unable to state the year Major Gregg came to Peterbor-

\* History Londonderry, p. 274.

† Letter Samuel Gregg, June 5, 1873.



ough, only that it was some years previous to the incorporation of the town in 1760. Major Gregg enlisted in the British army before he was twenty years old, as a sergeant, was in the war between the French and English in 1759, and also in the battle in the Plains of Abraham under the brave Gen. Wolfe. When the Revolution broke out, he was offered a commission in the King's service, but refused, and risked all in the cause of his country.

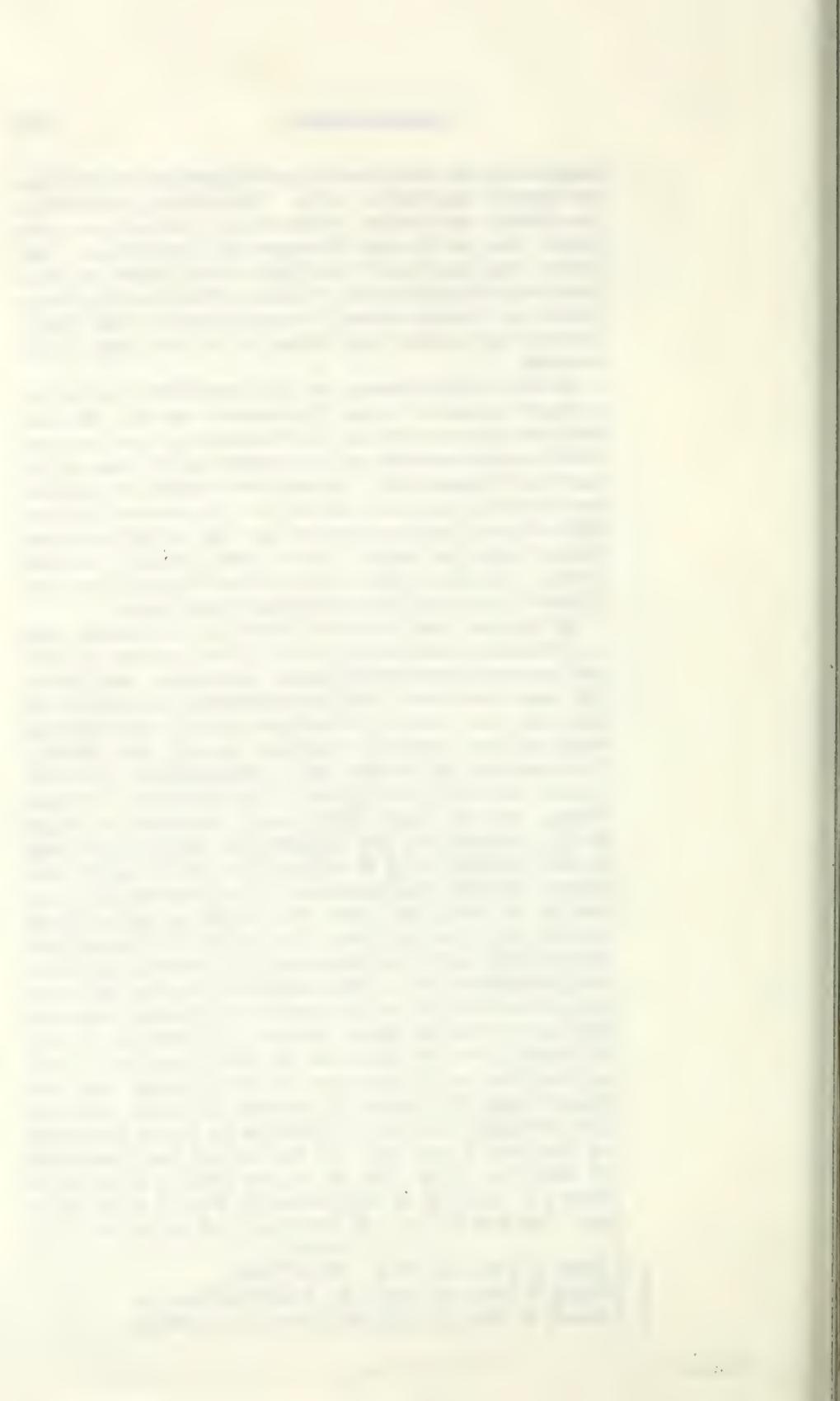
At the commencement of the Revolution he was appointed a major in the Continental service, and was with the regiment formed in Peterborough and vicinity, which was summoned to Charlestown at the time of the battle of Bunker Hill. As soon as possible he enlisted two hundred men and started for Charlestown, seventy miles distant, and by marching day and night he arrived the day after the battle. After a few days they returned home. The Major shared all the hardships of the expedition with the soldiers, by footing it with them.

By his own and his wife's energy and industry, they accumulated considerable property, and erected a good and comfortable dwelling-house, out-houses, and barns. He was a mechanic, and manufactured foot-wheels for spinning flax, and big-wheels, so called, for spinning wool and tow, which he peddled through the country. In those days the women had to manufacture the clothing for the family, or they had to go without it. Samuel Gregg, son of Hugh Gregg, and grandson of Major Gregg, to whom we are indebted for many of the facts in this account, says in a letter to us: "I have worn many a suit that was never out of the house until it went out on my back, and have worn many a tow shirt, all carded and spun at home. A girl was not considered marriageable until she understood the making of cloth. My grandfather was a great economist, but his table was always loaded with the substantials of life, and no person went away from his house hungry, if known to be so." His name does not appear on the town records till 1768 as selectman, while the names of John Gregg, Sen., and John Gregg, Jr., appear a number of times. He was also selectman in 1771, and perhaps for 1770; the record of that year is missing. He was one of the Committee of Safety in 1779. He m. Agnes Smiley, of Londonderry; b. 1743; d. at Peterborough, Feb. 2, 1803, æ. 60 yrs. He was b. 1738; d. Dec. 10, 1808, æ. 70 yrs.

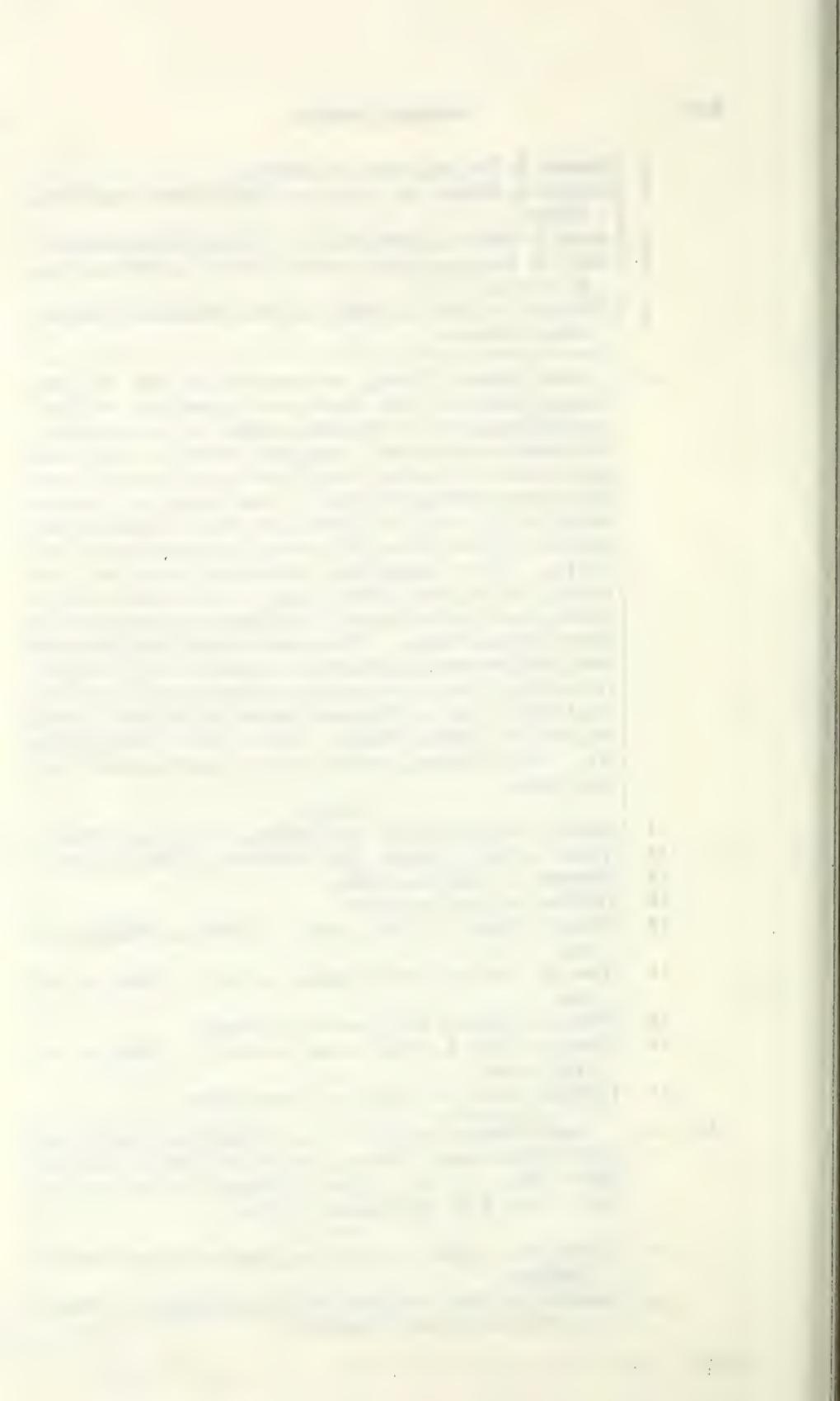
<sup>2</sup> *John*, b. Feb. 23, 1764. Went West.

<sup>3</sup> *Hugh*, b. Nov. 22, 1765; m. Sarah Holmes; d.

<sup>4</sup> *Sarah*, b. Nov. 7, 1769; m. Gen. David Steele.



- 5 | *Samuel*, b. Oct. 25, 1772; r. Boston.  
 6 | *George*, b. March 15, 1775; m. Sally Moore, dau. Wm. Moore.  
 7 | *Anne*, b. Nov. 14, 1778; m. — Gregg, Londonderry.  
 8 | *Mary*, b. Jan. 27, 1782; m. Asa Gibbs; d. Feb. 24, 1813, æ. 31 yrs.  
 9 | *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 21, 1785; m. Wm. Hutchins, Boston, Feb. 6, 1806.
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- 10 | JOHN GREGG (Lieut.), we suppose the son of John Gregg, brother of the above, and grandson of Capt. James Gregg, one of the first settlers of Londonderry. He came to town about 1759, and settled on the south part of Farm C, having sixty-three rods of the south part of the same deeded to him by John Gregg, of Londonderry, Oct. 8, 1765, the father receiving a deed of the same lot C from John Hill, one of the proprietors, Dec. 6, 1743. He occupied the farm since owned and improved by his son, James Gregg. The place directly north, also a part of farm C, was begun and occupied by Major Samuel Gregg. There were other John Greggs in town, and he was designated, we know not why, as black John Gregg; m., 1st w., unknown, by whom he had six ch., to 1768; 2d w., Elizabeth, widow of William Stuart, and dau. of Patrick White. She d. Nov. 2, 1803, æ. 59 yrs. He d. Feb. 24, 1798, æ. 70 yrs.; 1st w., six ch.; 2d w., five ch.
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- 11 | *Agnes*, b. April 6, 1760. (12) *Mary*, b. Feb. 27, 1762.  
 13 | *Jenne*, b. May 3, 1764. (14) *Benjamin*, b. May 13, 1766.  
 15 | *Ebenezer*, b. April 24, 1768.  
 16 | *William*, b. June 12, 1770.  
 17 | *Betsey*, b. Sept. 1, 1774; unm.; d. Feb. 9, 1846, æ. 72 yrs.  
 18 | *Jane*, b. Dec. 22, 1776; unm.; d. July 2, 1805, æ. 28 yrs.  
 19 | *John*, b. Aug. 10, 1779; unm.; d. young.  
 20 | *Fanny*, b. May 8, 1782; unm.; d. Aug. 9, 1866, æ. 84 yrs., 3 mos.  
 21 | † *James*, b. Aug. 19, 1785; m. Jane Miller.
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- 10- 21 | JAMES GREGG settled on the homestead, and lived there till his death. He m. Jane Miller, dau. of Samuel Miller, May 15, 1817. She d. March 28, 1845, æ. 56 yrs. He d. Feb. 28, 1842, æ. 56 yrs.
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- 22 | † *John R.*, b. April 27, 1818; m., May 20, 1847, Sarah E. Fletcher.  
 23 | *Sarah A.*, b. 1822; m. Ervin Nelson, of Sutton; d. March 2, 1870, æ. 48 yrs.; three ch.



24 *Fanny Jane*, b. 1826; m. John Nelson, of Sutton; d. April 13, 1871, æ. 45 yrs.; two ch.

21-22 JOHN R. GREGG succeeded his father on the home farm, but afterwards, on account of poor health, was obliged to sell the same. He subsequently bought the Adam Penniman farm, where he d. April 16, 1873, æ. 55 yrs. He m. Sarah E. Fletcher, of Antrim, May 20, 1847.

25 *Anna Jane*, b. March 23, 1848; m. Wiley J. Macy, of Munfordville, Ky.

26 *Sarah E.*, b. April 24, 1851; m. Frank Wright; r. Harrisville.

27 *Hattie L.*, b. Nov. 21, 1860.

HUGH GREGG. We do not know whether this is a distinct family from the above or not. His wife's name is unknown, only the Christian name of Jean. He d. March 21, 1791, æ. 90 yrs.

28 *Adams*, b. Sept. 23, 1745. (29) *William*, b. July 1, 1748.

30 *Hugh*, b. Sept. 5, 1754. (31) *Jacob*, b. March 19, 1757.

JOHN GREGG, JR. We are uncertain in regard to this family. His wife's name was Jane; and on the town records we have these births. His name appears as selectman in 1767, and that of John Gregg, Sen., in 1762 and '63. I think John Gregg, Jr., is son of John Gregg, Londonderry, and brother of Major Samuel Gregg. But who is this John Gregg, Sen.?

32 *Robert*, b. Dec. 8, 1758.

33 *Margaret*, b. March 19, 1762.

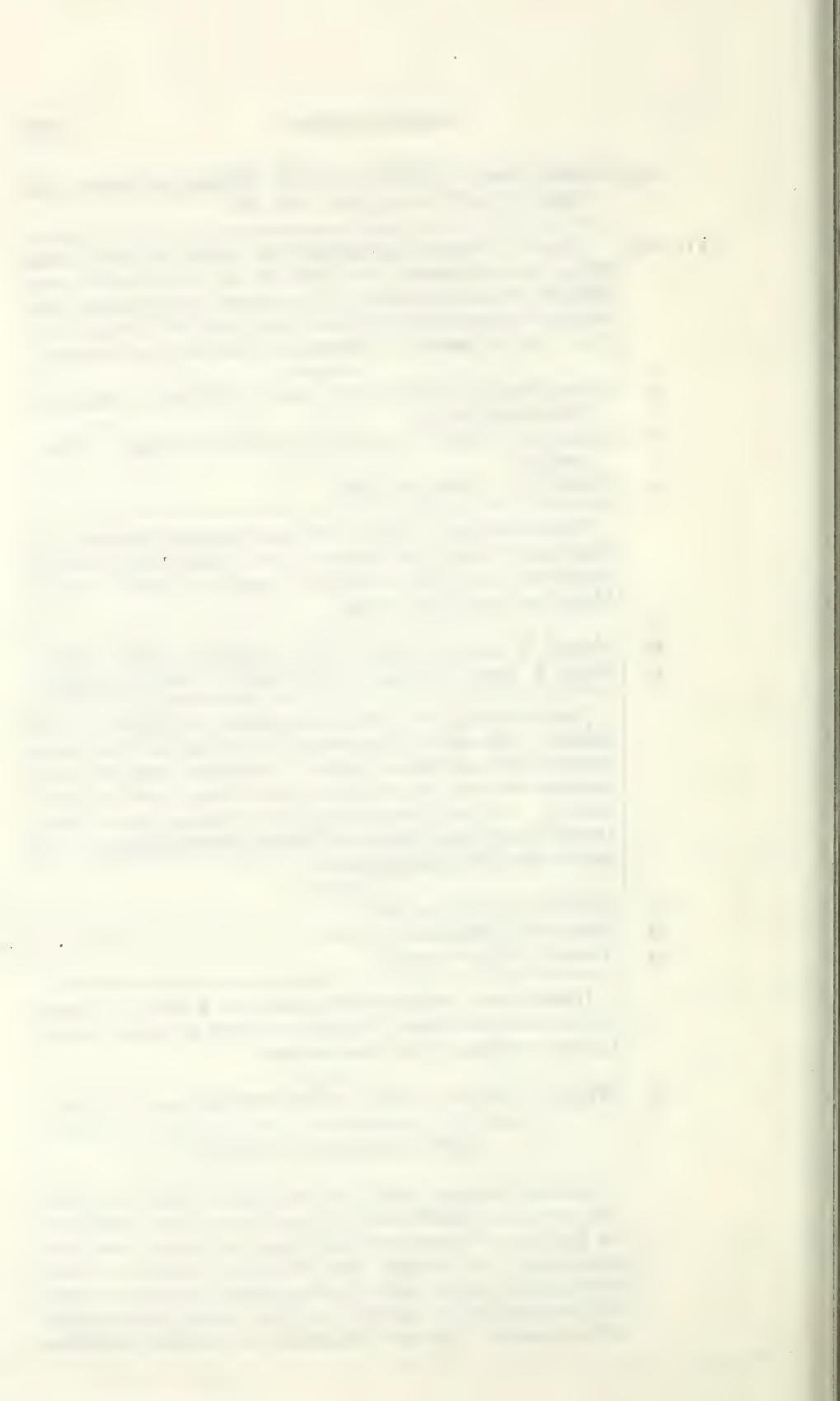
34 *Jane*, b. July 26, 1764.

JOHN GREGG, whose wife's name is Rachel, is found on the town records. We do not know of what race he is, nor anything of his descendants.

35 *Hugh*, b. Dec. 12, 1787. (36) *Rachel*, b. Jan. 8, 1789.

#### THE GRIMES FAMILY.

1 AARON GRIMES was b. at Windham, Dec. 12, 1769. He came to Peterborough about 1787. He then went to Jaffrey for three years to learn his trade, that of a carpenter. He bought the Milliken place, and lived there a few years, and at various other places in town, till he removed to Lowell in 1839, where he remained till his death. He was esteemed an excellent workman



at his trade. He m. Polly Milliken, dau. of William Milliken, Nov. 1, 1804; b. at Peterborough, Oct. 18, 1784. He d. Sept. 8, 1853, æ. 83 yrs., 8 mos.

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- 2 *Mary A.*, b. Oct. 25, 1805; unm.; r. Lowell.  
 3 †*William M.*, b. Dec. 6, 1807; m. Betsey Fairbanks.  
 4 *Katherine S.*, b. Nov. 10, 1809; m. Henry Wade; ch., Sarah, b. March 27, 1845; m. E. J. Milton; ch., George, b. May 14, 1869. Mrs. Wade d. in Lowell, Dec. 9, 1852, æ. 43 yrs.  
 5 *Louisa E.*, b. March 16, 1812; m. William Wilson, Bennington. He d. at Lowell, November, 1839; 2d hus., Ebenezer Crane; three ch.  
 6 *John H.*, b. March 18, 1814; d. Burlington, Ia., May 11, 1854, æ. 40 yrs.  
 7 *Aaron A.*, b. Aug. 20, 1815; unm.; suppose d. at sea.  
 8 *Frederick*, b. July 2, 1817; m. Margaret Wade; ch., William and Belle.  
 9 *Sarah A.*, b. March 31, 1819; d. Aug. 25, 1844, at Lowell, æ. 25 yrs., 4 mos.  
 10 *Jane B.*, b. April 1, 1823; m. John L. Ordway, Dec. 21, 1846; ch., Jeannie Eliza, b. Oct. 15, 1847.  
 11 *Caroline F.*, b. March 17, 1829; unm.; r. Newton, Mass.
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1- 3 WILLIAM M. GRIMES. He has always lived in town. A carpenter by trade. He m. Betsey Fairbanks, dau. of Ebenezer Fairbanks, Dec. 6, 1837.

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- 12 *Caroline E.*, b. July 3, 1840; m. Frederick Newman, Sept. 21, 1867; r. Fitchburg, Mass.  
 13 *Kate M.*, b. April 19, 1843; m. George W. Wilson, Sept. 21, 1867; d. July 7, 1876, æ. 33 yrs.  
 14 *Ann*, b. June 9, 1848. (15) *Helen*, b. June 2, 1850.  
 16 *Alfred*, b. May 24, 1852.  
 17 *Frank*, b. Sept. 30, 1855; m., 1876, Hattie E. Lovejoy.
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#### THE HADLEY FAMILY.

1 EBENEZER HADLEY, the son of Thomas and Ruth Lawrence Hadley, was b. May 5, 1757, and m., May 11, 1779, Phebe Winship, b. July 23, 1755, both being natives and residents of Lexington, Mass. He, with his father, Thomas Hadley, and his brother Samuel, were all members of Capt. John Parker's company, and stood on the Lexington Common on the morning of April 19, 1775, when the British troops came up and commanded them to disperse and to lay down their arms. On their refusal to obey, no doubt also with a defiant look, and a bold and menacing aspect, the British fired on them,



killing nine of these patriots ; Samuel Hadley, brother to Ebenezer, being among the slain. Their blood was first shed for the cause of freedom in America. Capt. Parker's company was on active duty all the day, and had ample scope for vengeance, especially in watching and harassing the enemy on their retreat. Both father and son, no doubt, were among the number of this company in that day's work. That they were bold and defiant, the considerable loss sustained by the American force would seem to indicate — forty-nine having been killed, thirty-nine wounded, and five missing ; in all ninety-three ! Ebenezer Hadley's name is among the number of Capt. Parker's company called to Cambridge, May 6 to 10, 1775 ; also among those called to Cambridge, June 17 and 18, 1775, while the name of the father does not appear. Ebenezer Hadley was not in the battle of Bunker Hill. Capt. Parker's company was detained at Cambridge, and thereby deprived of the honor of participating in this ever-memorable battle, from the apprehension that the British might cross the river and attack the camp, while so many were engaged in the battle at Charlestown. In the "History of Lexington," p. 387, we find the services of Ebenezer Hadley rated at £9 for five months' service at Ticonderoga in 1775, and also his name, p. 391, among those who enlisted for three years or during the war in 1780. Whether he rendered any other service we have no means of knowing. His widow received a pension of \$10 per month from the time it was given to the Revolutionary soldiers to her death.

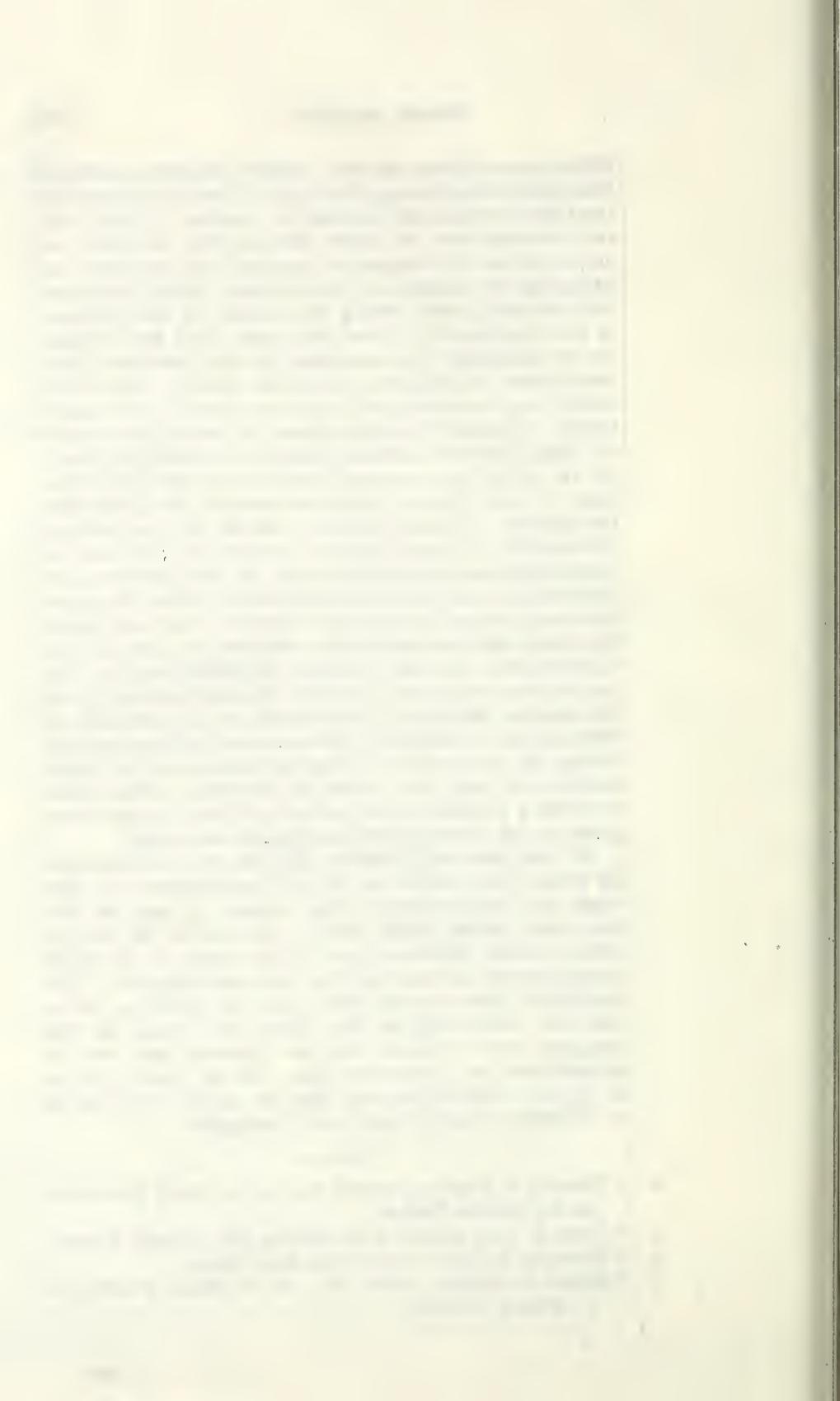
All the sons of Ebenezer Hadley were brickmakers by trade, and worked at it in Massachusetts till they came to Peterborough to buy farms. It may be that they came before their father. He moved to town in 1804. These brothers have made nearly all the brick manufactured in town for the last seventy years. Mr. Hadley d. from an accident. He fell from his horse, one foot remaining in the stirrup, by which he was dragged some distance on the ground, and was so injured that he d. the next day. He d. June 15, 1810, æ. 59 yrs. She d. Aug. 25, 1849, æ. 94 yrs. All the ch. of Ebenezer Hadley were b. in Lexington.

<sup>2</sup> †*Thomas*, b. June 13, 1782 ; m., 1st w., Mary Symonds ; 2d w., Martha Barber.

<sup>3</sup> †*Isaac*, b. Aug. 9, 1784 ; m., Feb. 9, 1813, Sarah Howe.

<sup>4</sup> †*Ebenezer*, b. May 1, 1787 ; m. Amy Howe.

<sup>5</sup> †*Ethan*, b. April 7, 1791 ; m., 1st w., Eliza Faxon ; 2d w., Betsey Persons.



6 *Martha*, b. March 23, 1792; unm.; d. Nov. 15, 1869, æ. 77 yrs.

7 *Fonas*, b. May 3, 1795; d. July 17, 1814, æ. 19 yrs.

I- 2 THOMAS HADLEY occupied the farm west of and adjoining the Hunt place. He m., 1st w., Mary Symonds, of Lexington, who was the mother of all his ch. She was b. March 4, 1788; d. at Peterborough, Nov. 2, 1828, æ. 40 yrs. He m., 2d, w. Martha Barber, dau. Silas Barber; d. Feb. 6, 1860, æ. 71. He d. April 3, 1856, æ. 73 yrs.

8 *Mary Ann*, b. Dec. 22, 1811; d. Dec. 30, 1811, æ. 8 dys.

9 *George W.*, b. Sept. 13, 1813; m., 1st w., Melinda Corey, April 1, 1849. She d. March 18, 1865, æ. 58 yrs.; 2d w., Sept. 21, 1865, Mrs. Sally Taylor, of Frances-town; b. in Temple, Aug. 31, 1809.

10 *Fonas*, b. April 4, 1816; d. Sept. 5, 1818, æ. 2 yrs., 6 mos.

11 *Abigail S.*, b. Sept. 7, 1821; m. Moses A. Fairbanks, Dublin.

12 †*Thomas, Jr.*, b. March 16, 1824; m., 1st w., Asenath Dyer; 2d w., Maria A. Crosby.

I- 3 ISAAC HADLEY. He lived on the old George Duncan place. He was captain of the artillery. He m., Feb. 9, 1813, Sarah Howe. She d. Sept. 27, 1855, æ. 68 yrs., 6 mos. He d. June 25, 1843, æ. 59 yrs.

13 *Sarah Ann*, b. Sept. 17, 1813; m., Oct. 25, 1842, Charles W. Brown; r. California. She d. in Oakland, Cal., July 6, 1867, æ. 53 yrs.; c.

14 †*Isaac, Jr.*, b. April 17, 1816; m., Nov. 27, 1862, E. Maria Corey, Dublin.

15 †*Samuel*, b. July 12, 1818; m., Sept. 4, 1849, Mary F. Twist, b. Sept. 9, 1828.

16 *Martha*, b. March 8, 1821; d. Aug. 19, 1826, æ. 5 yrs., 6 mos.

17 *John*, b. May 30, 1824; d. April 27, 1825, æ. 11 mos.

18 *Martha*, b. July 27, 1826; m. Joseph Davis, Sept. 23, 1847; ch., (1) Charles B., b. July 8, 1850; (2) Frank J., b. Aug. 14, 1861; Charles B. m. Clara Ames, June 11, 1871; one ch., Willie B., b. May 7, 1872.

I- 4 EBENEZER HADLEY. He was a farmer, and lived on a farm south of the old homestead, now occupied by his descendants. He m., Dec. 23, 1817, Amy Howe. She d. Jan. 11, 1874, æ. 76 yrs., 4 mos. He d. June 20, 1859, æ. 72 yrs.



- 19 *Zoel*, b. Jan. 28, 1820; unm. An invalid from his youth.  
 20 *Fonas*, b. Oct. 23, 1823; m. Dorothy P. Gove, Winchendon, Mass.; ch., Ida E., b. in Stoddard, April 4, 1859.  
 21 †*William H.*, b. Sept. 16, 1829; m., July 1, 1858, Sarah M. Draper.
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- 1- 5 **ETHAN HADLEY.** He m., 1822, Eliza Faxon, dau. Dea. Jona. Faxon, who was mother of the first two ch. She d. July 25, 1825, æ. 25 yrs.; 2d w., Feb. 14, 1826, Betsey Persons, dau. Bartholomew Persons. He was a brickmaker, and devoted much of his time to this business. He d. Aug. 24, 1872, æ. 81 yrs. In the last years of his life he occupied his father's old farm, and d. there; 1st w., two ch.; 2d w., twelve ch.  
 22 *Phebe*, b. Nov. 21, 1823; m., Sept. 25, 1845, Charles B. Carter.  
 23 *Charles F.*, b. July 23, 1825; m., Dec. 21, 1847, Harriet Perkins; r. Lowell.  
 24 *Ira P.*, b. Dec. 13, 1826; m., Nov. 9, 1851, Harriet J. Conant; r. Charlestown, Mass.  
 25 *Ethan, Jr.*, b. April 5, 1828; m., 1850, Mary L. Youngman; r. Chicopee, Mass.  
 26 *Eliza F.*, b. Feb. 28, 1830; d. June 22, 1834, æ. 4 yrs., 4 mos.  
 27 *Addison*, b. Oct. 13, 1831; m., Jan. 19, 1853, Eveline Parker; r. Lowell.  
 28 *Charlotte*, b. April 3, 1833; m., Sept. 3, 1855, George Stowers; r. Revere, Mass.  
 29 †*Harvey*, b. April 10, 1835; m., May 11, 1856, Maria Fisk.  
 30 *Florentine*, b. Jan. 7, 1837; d. Dec. 30, 1837, æ. 1 yr.  
 31 *George W.*, b. Nov. 7, 1838; m., August, 1861, Mary Ann Cross; r. Chicopee.  
 32 *Darius*, b. Aug. 13, 1841; m., May 25, 1870, Annie Howland. She d. 1871. One ch., Everett, E. H., b. 1871; m., 2d w., Dec. 25, 1875, Emma Snow, a teacher in the public schools, Charlestown, Mass.  
 33 *Hannah Eliza*, b. July 31, 1843.  
 34 *Albert S.*, b. Dec. 22, 1845; d. Jan. 7, 1848, æ. 2 yrs.  
 35 *Albert A.*, b. Nov. 13, 1847.
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- 12 **THOMAS HADLEY, JR.** He m., 1st w., Asenath Dyer, b. Nov. 25, 1826. She d. Aug. 29, 1855, æ. 29 yrs.; 2d w., Maria A. Crosby, dau. of Benj. Crosby, May 28, 1856. He now r. in Hancock; 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., one ch.
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- 36 *Mary E.*, b. July 16, 1851.  
 37 *Alfred G.*, b. Aug. 5, 1853.



- 38 *Ellen A.*, b. Aug. 29, 1855.  
 39 *Arthur Leslie*, b. June 6, 1862.
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3- 14 ISAAC HADLEY, Jr. He succeeded his father on the homestead. He devotes himself principally to farming, though he occasionally makes brick, agreeable to the bent of the family. He has held important offices in town,—selectman 1847, '48 '49, '51, '52, '61, '62, '63, and Representative to the State Legislature 1853. He m. E. Maria Corey, dau. Charles Corey, of Dublin, Nov. 27, 1862.

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- 40 *Jennie E.*, b. March 7, 1864.  
 41 *Genta Maria*, b. Sept. 4, 1865.  
 42 *John Osro*, b. Jan. 14, 1867.  
 43 *Martha F.*, b. Dec. 5, 1869.
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3- 15 SAMUEL HADLEY. He served in the war of the Rebellion; m. Mary F. Twist, dau. Peter Twist, Sept. 4, 1849. She was b. Sept. 9, 1828. He is a paper-maker by trade.

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- 44 *Luella E.*, b. March 29, 1850.  
 45 *Milton L.*, b. Nov. 27, 1851; m.  
 46 *Harriet O.*, b. July 6, 1853; d. Oct. 5, 1853, æ. 3 mos.  
 47 *Sarah A.*, b. March 6, 1855.  
 48 *Delila M.*, b. Oct. 22, 1856.  
 49 *Hattie M.*, b. Oct. 22, 1861.
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4- 21 WILLIAM HOWE HADLEY. He succeeded his father on the home farm; m., July 1, 1858, Sarah M. Draper, of Greenfield.

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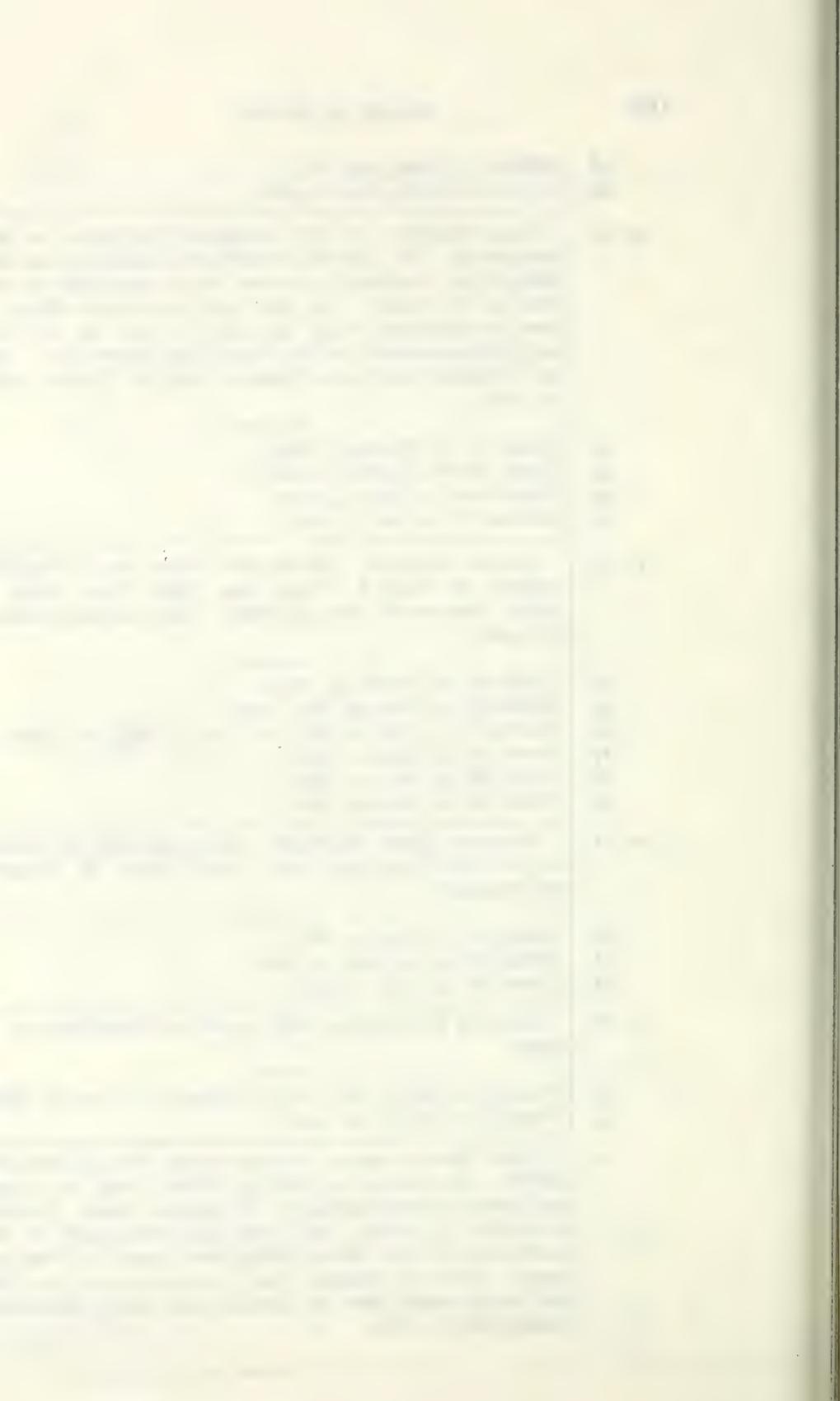
- 50 *Elmer W.*, b. June 14, 1863.  
 51 *Nettie Syrena*, b. Jan. 10, 1867.  
 52 *James M.*, b. June 25, 1871.
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5- 29 HARVEY HADLEY m., May 11, 1856, Maria Fisk; r. in town.

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- 53 *Eva M.*, b. May 4, 1857. (54) *Flora B.*, b. June 6, 1863.  
 55 *Frank J.*, b. Nov. 28, 1866.
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I JOHN HADLEY was of a race entirely distinct from the above. He was b. in Sterling, Mass., Aug. 22, 1796, and came to Peterborough in November, 1822. He was a clothier by trade. He lived in various parts of the town, and most of the children were born in Peterborough. He d. at Antrim, Aug. 8, 1850, æ. 54 yrs. He m. Ruthy Ames, dau. of Timothy and Sarah Kneeland Ames, May 1, 1821.

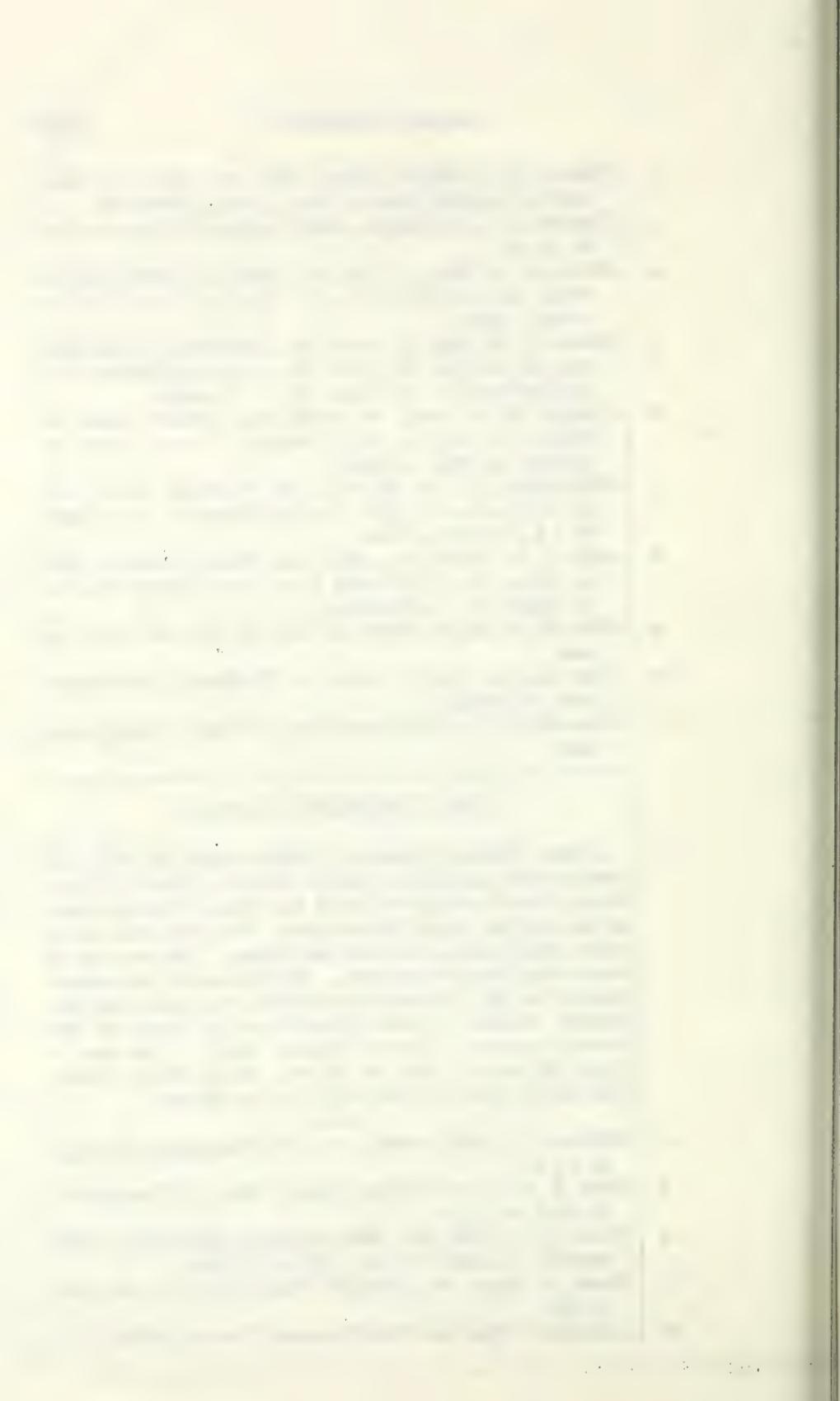


- 2 *John A.*, b. in Shirley, Mass., Feb. 22, 1822; m. Hannah B. Taggart, Sharon, Nov. 3, 1845; three ch.
- 3 *Timothy R.*, b. in Temple, May 8, 1823; d. Jan. 26, 1841 æ. 17 yrs.
- 4 *Alvah A.*, b. Dec. 5, 1824; m. Sarah J. Smith, Nov. 9, 1849; ch., (1) Fred. O.; (2) Alvah; d.; r. E. Cambridge, Mass.
- 5 *Harvey C.*, b. Aug. 3, 1826; m. Henrietta D. Richardson, of Antrim, Jan. 26, 1851; ch., (1) Charles H.; (2) Herbert O.; (3) Helen M.; r. Temple.
- 6 *Cynthia M.*, b. Aug. 10, 1828; m. Samuel Aiken, of Fisherville, Aug. 9, 1853; two ch. She d. June 25, 1858, æ. 29 yrs., 10 mos.
- 7 *Hepzibeth A.*, b. Oct. 28, 1830; m. Ephraim Slade, Oct. 16, 1851; ch., (1) Ella A.; (2) Walter E.; (3) Frank W.; r. Fitchburg, Mass.
- 8 *Abby R.*, b. March 30, 1834; m. Manly Colburn, Nov. 14, 1854; ch., (1) Charles A.; d.; (2) Edward M.; d.; (3) Henry A.; r. Fitchburg.
- 9 *Mary E.*, b. July 8, 1837; d. May 29, 1844, æ. 6 yrs., 10 mos.
- 10 *Eliza M.*, b. April 3, 1844; r. Fitchburg; has always been an invalid.
- 11 *Granville H.*, b. March 29, 1847; d. Aug. 17, 1847, æ. 4 mos.

## THE HAGGETT FAMILY.

1 ABNER HAGGETT came to Peterborough in 1781, and lived on the place near the late Deacon Samuel Miller's farm, where he remained until his death, it being a part of the original Hugh Wilson farm. He came from some place near Boston, the town not known. He was one of the earliest Baptists in town. He was one of the remonstrants to Mr. Dunbar's settlement in 1799, and Mr. Dunbar makes a note opposite to his name in the church records, "Turned Baptist, 1807." He was b. 1759; d. Jan. 12, 1844, æ. 85 yrs. He m. Mary Tuttle. She was b. 1762; d. Dec. 26, 1840, æ. 78 yrs.

- 2 *William*, b. 1780; unm.; re. to Vermont, and d. 1853, æ. 73 yrs.
- 3 *Polly*, b. 1784; m. Nathan Gould, 1803; r. Greenfield; d. 1838, æ. 54 yrs.
- 4 *John T.*, b. 1788; m., 1816, Lucinda Brigham; r. Plymouth, Vt., and d. there, 1866, æ. 78 yrs.
- 5 *Susan*, b. 1792; m. Nathan Wait, 1813; d. 1869, æ. 77 yrs.
- 6 *Lucinda*, b. 1796; m. Wm. Diamond, Nov. 18, 1824.



- 7 | *Harriet*, b. 1800; m. Peter Twiss, 1821; d. 1861, æ. 61 yrs.
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### THE HALE FAMILY.

- 1 | PAUL HALE. He m. Sarah Cunningham, dau. James Cunningham.
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- 2 | *James*, b. 1793; d. at sea.
- 3 | *Harriet*, b. ——; m. William Weston Hancock; d. May 9, 1831.
- 4 | *Thomas*, b. ——; m. in Canada.
- 5 | *Mary L.*, b. Aug. 26, 1806; m. Ebenezer T. Lakeman. She d. Dublin, March 26, 1876, æ. 69 yrs., 7 mos.
- 6 | *Caroline*, b. ——; unm.
- 7 | *Louisa*, b. ——; m. Ebenezer T. Lakeman, April 11, 1833. He d. Jan. 11, 1843, æ. 40 yrs. She d. Sept. 3, 1835, æ. 23 yrs., 11 mos.
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### THE HAMMILL FAMILY.

All we know of the Hammill family is revealed in the town records and the gravestones in the old cemetery. Joseph Hammill appears often in the town records as a man of considerable importance. He began on the land adjoining the mills long known as "Holmes' Mills," and afterwards as "Bowers' Mill," and built a saw-mill in 1778, and a grist-mill in 1781. The Holmeses bought the saw-mill of Joseph Hammill, and the grist-mill came into possession of Patrick White, who gave it to his son David, who carried on the same for some years, when he sold to Abraham Holmes, Sen. Robert Holmes owned the saw-mill before his father's death. Joseph Hammill was on a committee with Capt. Wm. Alld, Samuel Cunningham, Jeremiah Smith, and James Cunningham to propose amendments to the plan of government sent out by the Legislature in 1782. There is a double gravestone with this Latin motto: "*Moriendum est omnibus*," and then the deaths of Neal Hammill and Elizabeth, his wife. He d. Aug. 15, 1790, æ. 88 yrs. She d. Aug. 2, 1769, æ. 75 yrs.; and then a stone for Martha, dau. of above, d. April 8, 1798, æ. 67 yrs.; and then the stones for Joseph Hammill and his wife Anna. He d. Sept. 30, 1796, æ. 68 yrs. She d. March 19, 1796, æ. 70 yrs. Farther than this we have no record or tradition of this family.

### THE HANNAFORD FAMILY.

- I | JAMES HANNAFORD moved to Peterborough in 1822, from Northfield, and remained here till his death, Sept.

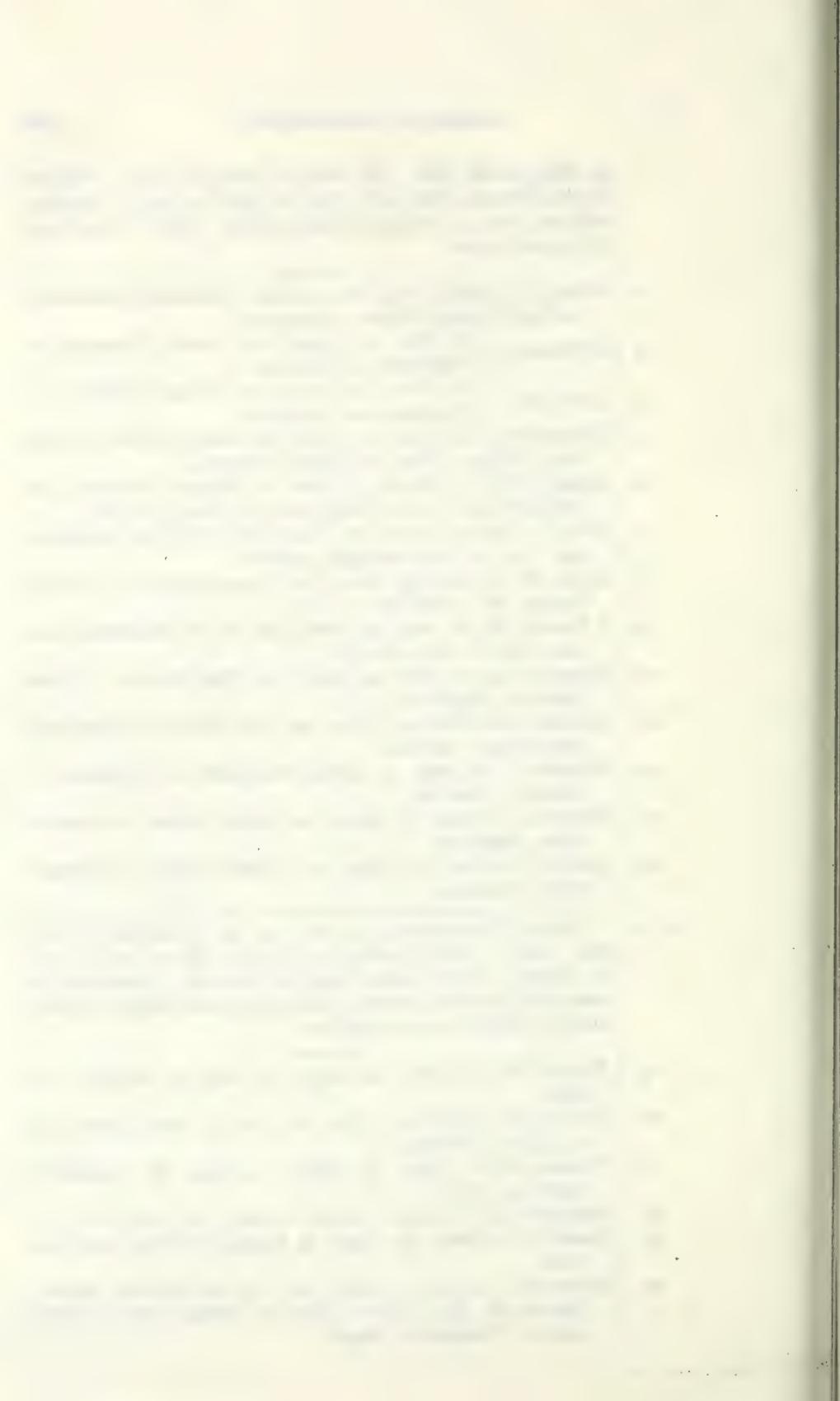


**2**, 1839, æ. 66 yrs. He was b. June 6, 1773. He m. Lydia Russell, Nov. 18, 1793, b. April 1, 1773. She m., 2d hus., Aug. 9, 1849, Luther Adams. She d. April 30, 1853, æ. 80 yrs.

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- 2** *Mary*, b. June 6, 1794; m., 1st hus., Nathaniel Danforth; 2d hus., James Glines; eleven ch.
- 3** *William S.*, } b. Feb. 17, 1796; m. Rhoda Prescott; r. Sanbornton; six ch.
- 4** *Jesse M.*, } b. Feb. 17, 1796; m. Susan Quimby; r. Sanbornton; seven ch.
- 5** *Margaret C.*, b. June 22, 1798; m. Isaac Childs; r. Groton; 2d hus., Wm. McGuire; nine ch.
- 6** *Nancy W. S.*, b. April 6, 1800; m. Samuel Prescott, of Sanbornton; re. to Peterborough, 1829; six ch.
- 7** *Guy*, b. Feb. 13, 1802; m. Elizabeth Tilton, of Sanbornton; re. to Peterborough; ten ch.
- 8** *Lydia R.*, b. July 25, 1804; m. Anson Wyman; r. Stockbridge, Vt.; nine ch.
- 9** †*James, Jr.*, b. Aug. 29, 1806; m., 1st w., Rebecca Bennett; 2d w., R. C. Roby.
- 10** *Hannah R.*, b. Oct. 4, 1808; m. Paul Boyce; r. New Ipswich; eight ch.
- 11** *Lavina S.*, b. Oct. 24, 1810; m. John Wells; r. Winchendon, Mass.; ten ch.
- 12** *Martha C.*, b. Aug. 15, 1812; m. Justin M. Wyman; r. Illinois; four ch.
- 13** *Phebe G.*, b. June 17, 1814; m. Luke Tarbox; r. Harrisville; three ch.
- 14** *Lucy R.*, b. Nov. 17, 1817; m. Daniel Felch; r. Greenville; nine ch.
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**1- 9** JAMES HANNAFORD, Jr., m., 1st w., Rebecca C. Bennett. She d. Oct. 2, 1867, æ. 58 yrs. He m., 2d w., R. C. Roby. He r. many years in Lowell. Returned to town and erected a suite of buildings near Briggs' Manufactory, where he now resides.

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- 15** *Harriet M.*, b. April 29, 1830; d. May 12, 1830, æ. 13 dys.
- 16** †*Albert B.*, b. Oct. 11, 1831; m., 1st w., Anna Gray; 2d w., Mary J. Swan.
- 17** †*James M.*, b. Aug. 25, 1833; m. Jane M. Chandler, April 25, 1858.
- 18** *Hezekiah N.*, b. Aug. 2, 1839; d. Aug. 31, 1840, æ. 1 yr.
- 19** *Sarah B.*, b. Oct. 17, 1840; m. George Wilder, April 16, 1862.
- 20** *Alonzo M.*, b. July 1, 1842; m., 1st w., Salome Moore, March 16, 1863; 2d w., Mary A. Swan, Feb. 5, 1868, dau. of Charles A. Swan.



9 -16 ALBERT B. HANNAFORD. He m., 1st w., Oct 6, 1852, Anna Gray; 2d wife, Mary J. Swan, Dec. 14, 1859; r. Norwalk, O.

21 *Albert S.*, b. Dec. 13, 1860.

9 -17 JAMES M. HANNAFORD. He m. Jane M. Chandler, April 25, 1858.

### THE HILL FAMILY.

1 JOB HILL was the son of Ralph Hill, and was b. in Ashby, Mass., July 7, 1780. He m., March 3, 1808, Betsey Perry, of Rindge, b. in Lincoln, Mass., Sept. 9, 1782. They re. to Vermont in 1811, and remained there till 1825, when they came to Peterborough. In 1831 he built a brick cottage on Summer Street, which was the first dwelling erected on that street. Mr. Hill owned in part and managed the grist-mill in this village from 1829 to 1839, when he sold out, and the stone building was erected.

2 *Selinda A.*, b. May 26, 1809; m.. December, 1837, Ephraim Holt, Greenfield, b. Dec. 12, 1803. He d. Aug. 26, 1867, æ. 64 yrs.

3 *Betsey P.*, b. Aug. 30, 1811; d. June 20, 1821, æ. 9 yrs., 9 mos.

4 *Mary*, b. March 29, 1813; d. Sept. 24, 1874, æ. 61 yrs.

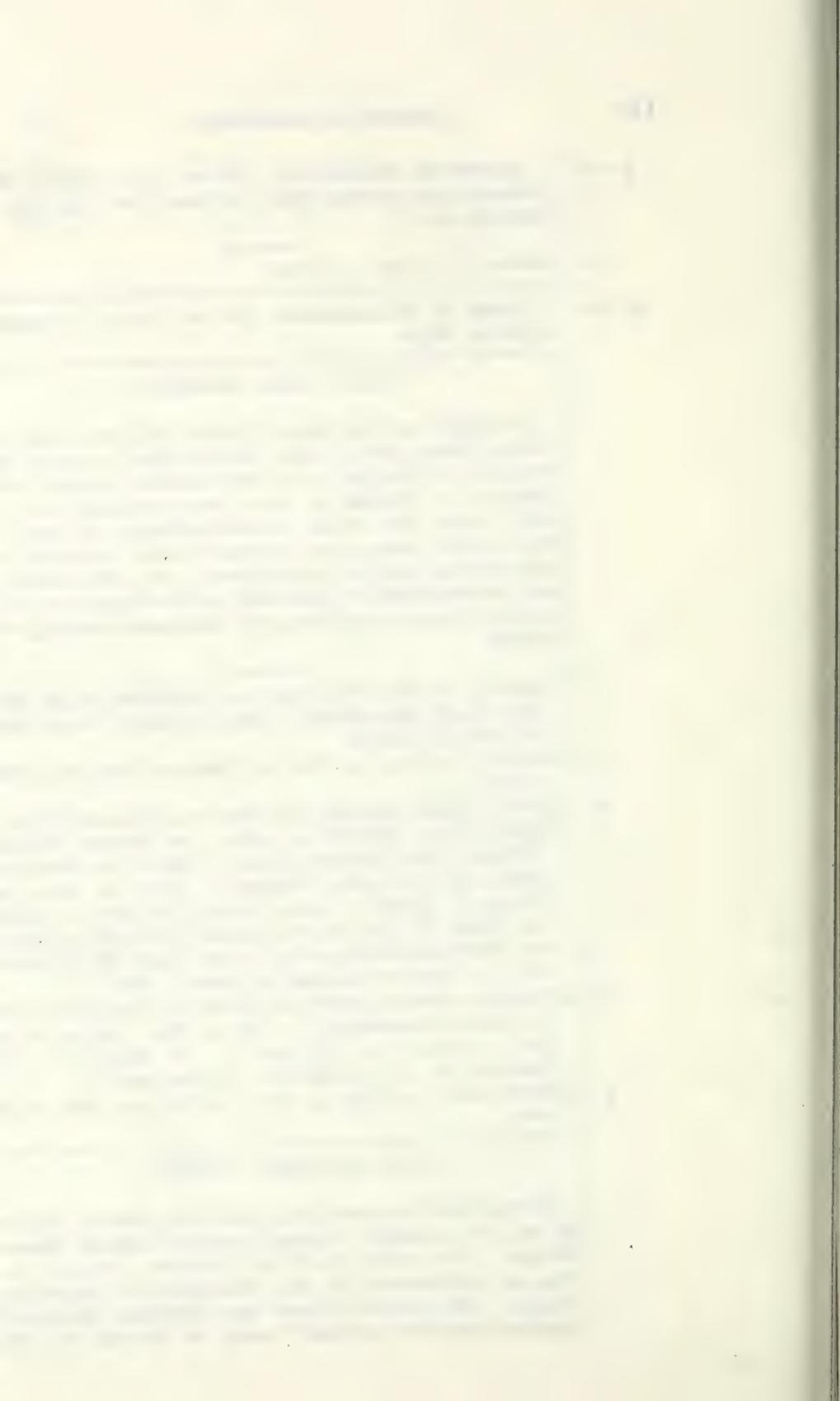
5 *Abigail H.*, b. March 19, 1815; m. Samuel Wilson Wheeler, New Ipswich, Nov. 7, 1838; r. in Peterborough; ch., (1) Lydia Frances, b. June 25, 1842; m. George T. Russell; 3 ch., Mabel F.; d. 1866; Lillian B.; Edith F. (2) Mary Florence, b. Sept. 25, 1845; m. Charles E. Abbot, 1865; 2 ch., Jessie M.; Charles W. (3) Harriet Caroline, b. June 2, 1856.

6 *Caroline*, b. Nov. 15, 1816; m., Sept. 19, 1843, Rev. Levi L. Fay, of Lawrence, O. She d. Oct. 8, 1854, æ. 37 yrs., 10 mos.; ch., (1) Levi L.; (2) Albert H.; (3) Caroline E.; (4) Selinda H.; (5) Augusta D.

7 *Charles Albert*, b. May 15, 1819; d. Aug. 11, 1842, æ. 23 yrs.

### THE HOLMES FAMILY.

1 NATHANIEL HOLMES (Dea.) was the ninth of twelve ch. of his parents, Nathaniel and Elizabeth Moore Holmes. His father was b. in Coleraine, Ireland; d., 1764, at Londonderry, N. H. He came to this country in 1740. His mother's name was Elizabeth Moore, of Londonderry, but of what family of Moores we are



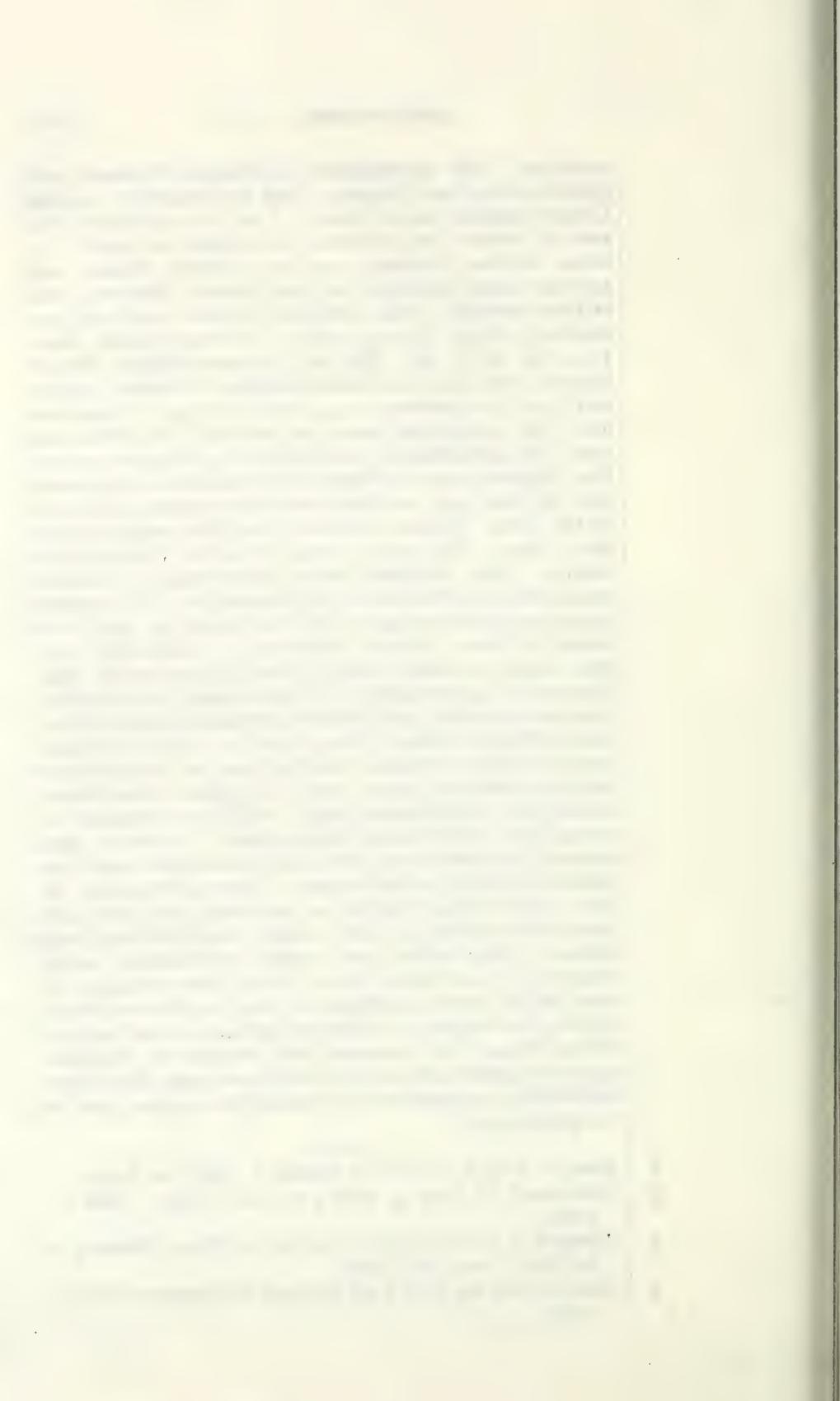
uncertain. His grandfather, Nathaniel Holmes, and grandmother, Jane Hunter, lived in Coleraine, Antrim County, Ireland, and d. there. They left a family of five sons, of whom Dea. Holmes' father was the fourth. A sister of Dea. Holmes, Jane, m. William Moore, and another sister, Elizabeth, m. Dea. Robert Morison, both of Peterborough. Dea. Nathaniel Holmes was b. in Londonderry, Sept. 5, 1759, and d. in Peterborough, Sept. 10, 1832, æ. 73 yrs. He m. Catharine Allison, dau. of Samuel and Janet McFarland Allison. Samuel Allison was b. in Londonderry, 1743, and d., 1809, at Weathersfield, Vt., where he then r., æ. 66 yrs. His wife was also b. in Londonderry, and d. April 29, 1831, æ. 71 yrs. Dea. Holmes came to Peterborough to live in 1784, soon after his marriage, and they lived on the same place, next to the Dea. Thomas Davison place, the remainder of their lives. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian church. Dea. Holmes, when quite young, rendered much service in the war of the Revolution. We cannot determine just how much. He first went, in 1775, as a waiter to Lieut. Henry Ferguson, to Cambridge, and after that, as a waiter to his (Holmes') father-in-law, Maj. Duncan, of Londonderry. He was urged, in September, 1776, to enlist in Capt. Finley's company, by his brother-in-law, William Moore, who offered to make his wages equal to \$10 per month. He declined on the plea that his clothes were all worn out. His sister, Mrs. Moore, hearing the conversation, said: "Billy, you furnish the shoes, and I will furnish the clothes." It was a great mystery how she could do it, as there were only two pounds of wool in the house. The next morning all their sheep were brought to the barn, and four early lambs were robbed of their fleeces; and the wool was colored, spun, woven, and made into clothing within twenty days, and when Capt. Finley came through the town on his way to Saratoga, the young soldier was ready to join the company. He was afterwards at the battle of White Plains. He returned safe, whether to Peterborough or Londonderry we do not know, and Mr. Moore fulfilled his engagement of making his pay as good as \$10 per month.

<sup>2</sup> *Jane*, b. Feb. 24, 1786; d. March 2, 1786; æ. 6 dys.

<sup>3</sup> †*Nathaniel*, b. May 4, 1787; m. Sally Hoar, June 11, 1809,

<sup>4</sup> †*Samuel*, b. Dec. 19, 1789; m., 1st w., Mary Annan; 2d w., Mrs. Fanny M. Priest.

<sup>5</sup> *Jane*, b. July 14, 1792; m. Bernard Whittemore, Dec. 25, 1815.

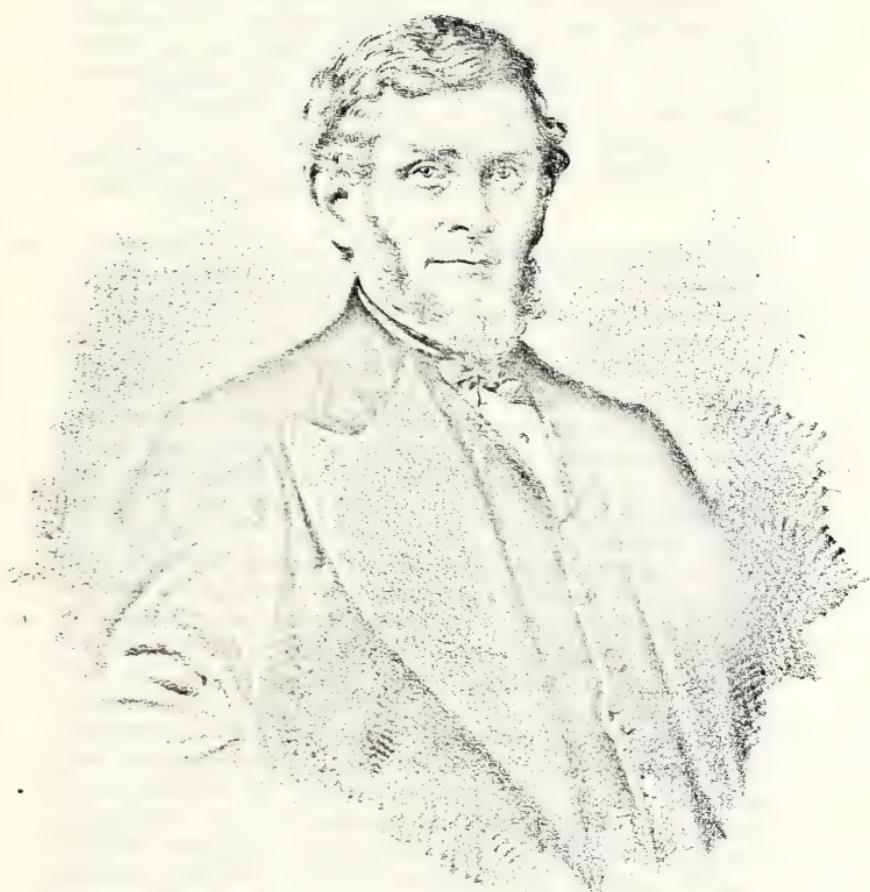


- 6 †*Andrew*, b. Nov. 29, 1794; m. Jane Taggart, Feb. 12, 1818.  
 7 *Betsey*, b. March 20, 1797; m. Daniel Adams, Jaffrey; d.  
 8 *Enos*, b. Dec. 14, 1799; m. Louisa Adams; r. Michigan; d.  
 9 *John*, b. May 8, 1802; m., 1st w., Hepzibeth Cutter;  
     2d w., Emmeline Cutter; 3d w., Sybil Gates; d.  
     Springfield, Vt.  
 10 *Katharine*, b. June 18, 1804; d. March 11, 1807; æ. 2  
     yrs., 8 mos.  
 11 *Jonathan*, b. June 8, 1807; m., 1st w., Jane T. Moore;  
     2d w., Mary Taggart, widow of Cicero Robbe.

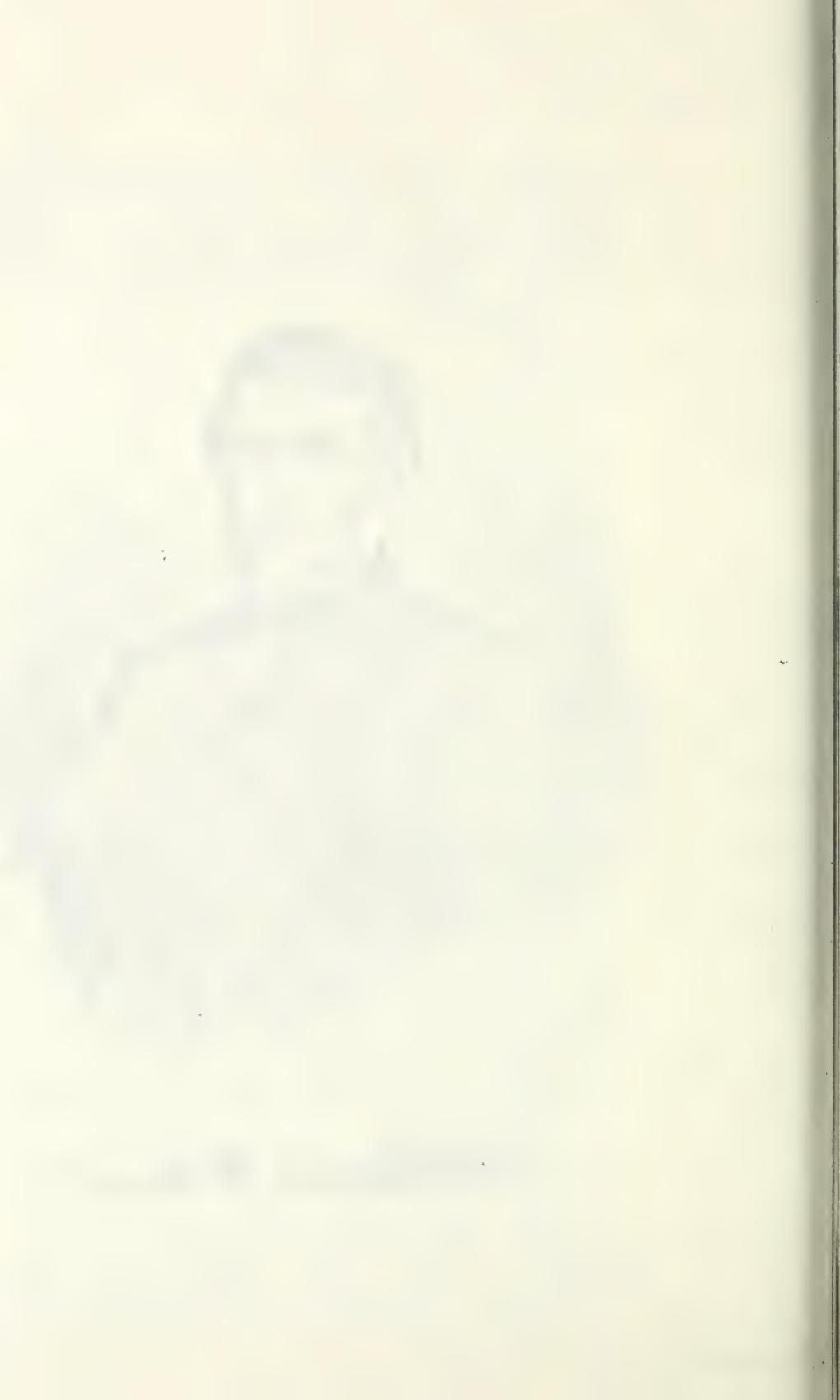
1- 3 NATHANIEL HOLMES, Jr. He was a machinist by trade, and devoted a large portion of his life to this business. He was employed in preparing the machinery for the South Factory, and in company with Artemas Lawrence he built and put in operation the Cheshire Cotton Mill in Jaffrey. He re. from Peterborough to Meredith in 1823, and subsequently to Tilton, where he built a factory for making cotton yarn, twine, and batting. He was town clerk for 1821-22, and made his record on the town books in a chirography rarely equalled for finish or beauty. In early life he was very popular as a teacher in our common schools. He was an eminently worthy and useful man. He was m. to Sally Hoar, b. June 24, 1787, of New Ipswich, dau. of Maj. Jotham Hoar and Mary Davison, dau. of Dea. Thomas Davison, June 11, 1809. He d. Jan. 23, 1840, æ. 53 yrs., 8 mos. Mrs. Holmes m., April 17, 1847, 2d hus., William Moore, of Moorsville, Mich., who d. Dec. 4, 1850, æ. 63 yrs.; and she now survives and r. with her dau., Mrs. Swasey, at Belvidere, Ill., and is enjoying a healthy, active, and sprightly old age.

- 12 *Catharine A.*, b. Oct. 1, 1809; m. Zenas Clement, Nov. 5, 1835. He d. She resides in Stamford, Conn.  
 13 *Mary*, b. July 15, 1811; d. Dec. 25, 1811, æ. 5 mos.  
 14 *Artemas L.*, b. July 9, 1814; m. Mary M. Bloomer. He graduated at Dartmouth College, 1835. Educated a lawyer, and practised for a short time in town. Afterwards he went to St. Louis, where he remained fifteen years, and acquired a large fortune. In consequence of ill health he was obliged to relinquish all business, and re. to New York. He d. Nov. 29, 1871, æ. 57 yrs.  
 15 *Abigail*, b. Oct. 22, 1816; m. E. A. Adams; d. in St. Louis, Aug. 30, 1857, æ. 40 yrs., 10 mos.  
 16 *Sarah*, b. March 20, 1819; d. March 22, 1819, æ. 2 dys.  
 17 *Edith A.*, b. Nov. 9, 1820; m. S. Swasey, a lawyer, Speaker of the House of Representatives, N. H., 1842; r. Belvidere, Ill.





Nathaniel Holmes



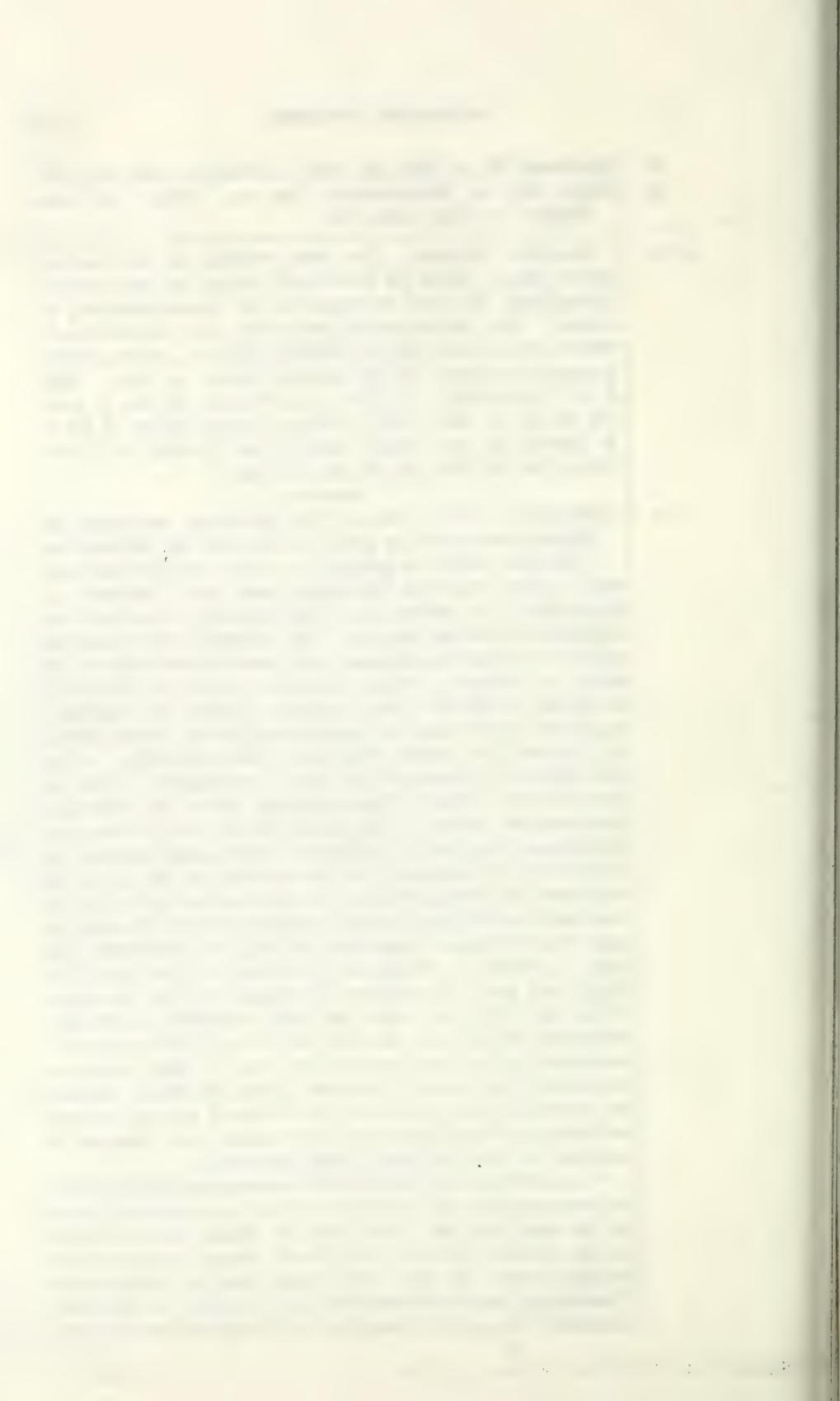
- 18 | *Nathaniel M.*, b. Feb. 20, 1823; d. May 2, 1828, æ. 5 yrs.  
 19 | *Henry G.*, b. Sanbornton, Jan. 11, 1834; m. —  
     | Keehn; r. New York City.

I- 4 | **SAMUEL HOLMES.** He first settled on the Samuel Spear place, which he purchased; then he removed to Springfield, Vt., and engaged in the manufacturing of cotton. He subsequently returned to Peterborough, where he remained till his death. He m., 1st w., Mary Annan, dau. Rev. David Annan, March 31, 1813. She d. at Springfield, Vt., Feb. 9, 1828, æ. 38 yrs., 5 mos. He m., 2d w., Mrs. Fanny Moore Priest, widow of Dr. J. B. Priest, Oct. 20, 1828. She d. Jan. 6, 1875, æ. 85 yrs. He d. July 8, 1868, æ. 78 yrs., 6 mos.

- 20 | *Nathaniel*, b. July 2, 1814. The following sketch of his life was furnished by Judge Holmes at my request:—

“He lived with his parents on a farm in Peterborough until seven years of age, and then, until fourteen, at Springfield, Vt., where his father carried on a machine-shop and a cotton factory. He attended the common schools in these places, and had some experience in the shop and factory. When about ten, he began the study of Latin under the Rev. Addison Brown, at Peterborough, and continued the same for a time at the academy in Chester, Vt., under the Rev. Uriah Burnap. After the death of his mother, in 1828, he returned with his father to the farm in Peterborough, where he attended the common school in the winter season, and worked on the farm or in a machine-shop at other times; and in the fall of 1830 he pursued English studies at the Appleton Academy in New Ipswich. In the summer of 1831 he was sent to Phillips (Exeter) Academy, to fit for college, and was entered a freshman, in 1833, at Harvard College, Cambridge, where he graduated in the class of 1837, and took the degree of Master of Arts in 1859. While pursuing his studies he kept a common school one winter in Milford, N. H., one winter in Billerica, Mass., and another in Leominster, Mass., and in the winter of his senior year taught Latin and Greek in Weld’s School at Jamaica Plain. He was a member of several college societies, and at the end of his junior year became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

“On leaving college, Mr. Holmes was employed, on the recommendation of President Quincy, as a private tutor in the family of the Hon. John N. Steele, near Vienna, on the eastern shore of Maryland, where he began the study of law. At the end of one year he returned to Cambridge, and continued his legal studies in the Law School of Harvard University, and in the office of Henry

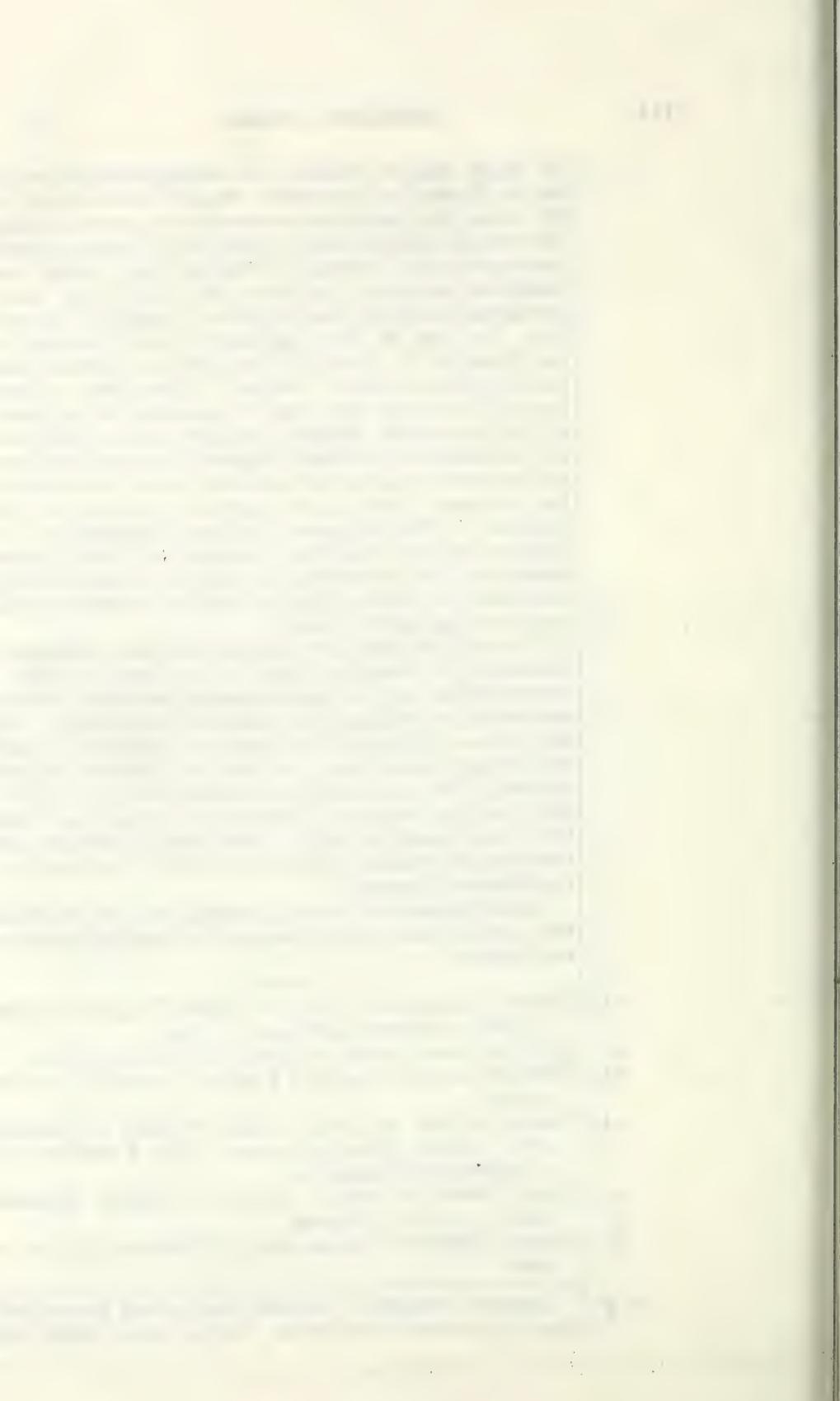


H. Fuller, Esq., of Boston. On being admitted to the bar, in Boston, in September, 1839, he went directly to St. Louis, Mo., and there commenced the practice of law. He opened an office alone, at first, but in 1841 formed a partnership with Thomas B. Hudson, Esq., which continued for two years; and from 1846 to 1853 he was in partnership with his younger brother, Samuel A. Holmes, Esq. In 1846, he was appointed Circuit Attorney for the County of St. Louis, by Gov. John C. Edwards, and held the place for about one year. From 1853 to 1855 he held by election the office of Counsellor of the Board of St. Louis Public Schools, and from 1862 to 1865 that of Counsellor of the North Missouri Railroad Company; and in June, 1865, he was appointed one of the judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri, by Gov. Thomas C. Fletcher, under the new Constitution. In 1868, he resigned this office to accept the Royall Professorship of Law in Harvard University. Upon his resignation of the professorship, in 1872, he returned to the practice of law at St. Louis.

"In 1856, he took part in organizing the Academy of Science of St. Louis, of which he has been at times a vice-president and the corresponding secretary, and has assisted in the editing of its published transactions. He has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences since 1870. In 1866, he published a book entitled, 'The Authorship of Shakespeare,' of which a third edition, with an 'Appendix of Additional Matters,' was issued in 1875. His judicial opinions are contained in volumes XXXVI. to XLII. (inclusive) of the Missouri Reports."

Judge Holmes is a sound, learned, and philosophical man, and probably stands among the leading jurists of our country.

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- 21 *David A.*, b. April 1, 1815; m. Nancy Taggart; d. Jan. 7, 1868, at Bronson, Mich., æ. 53 yrs.  
 22 *Mary*, b. June 2, 1818; d. April 23, 1819, æ. 11 mos.  
 23 *Elizabeth*, b. 1820; m. John Leach; d. Aug. 31, 1861, æ. 41 yrs.  
 24 *Samuel*, b. Feb. 23, 1823. Lieut. of Vols. in Mexican war. Col. of Vols. in the war of the Rebellion. Is a lawyer in St. Louis, Mo.  
 25 *Sarah Smith*, b. Sept. 5, 1825; m. Horatio Kimball, Sept. 15, 1847; r. Keene.  
 26 *Frances Sophia*, b. Oct. 20, 1829; d. February, 1831, æ. 15 mos.
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- 1- 6 ANDREW HOLMES. In adult life he had the misfortune to lose one of his arms. He m., 1st w., Jane Tag-

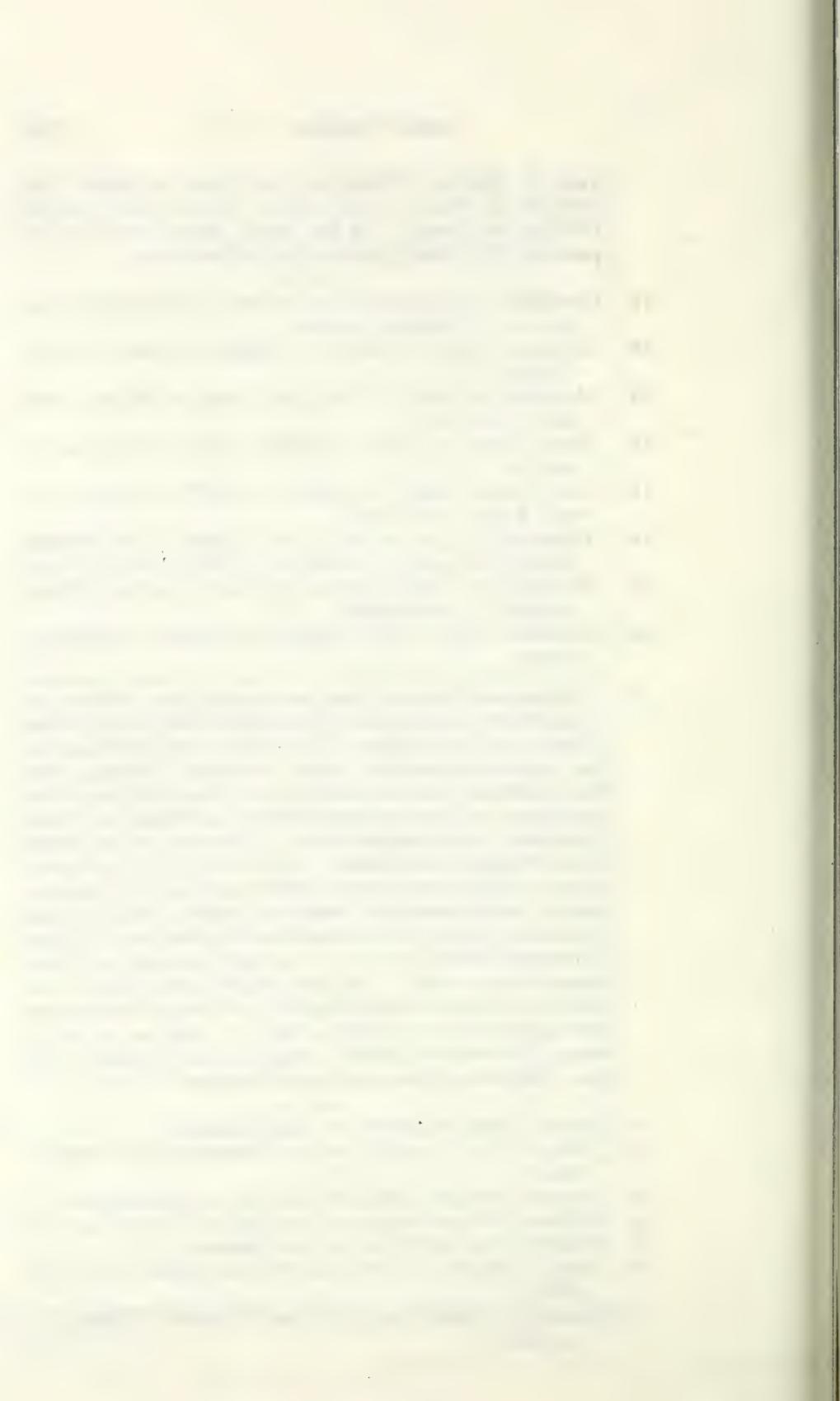


gart, of Sharon, b. May 20, 1798, dau. of James Taggart (Wolf), Feb. 12, 1818. She d. He m., 2d w., Abigail Phillips, of Derry. He has spent most of his life in peddling light fancy articles for his livelihood.

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- 27 *Caroline*, b. Oct. 28, 1818, in Jaffrey; m. Joel Bruce; he d. —; r. Mason; two ch.  
 28 *Stephen*, b. Dec. 2, 1820; m. Calista Dustan; one ch., Charles D.  
 29 *Margaret*, b. March 6, 1823; m. George Dickey; both dead; one son.  
 30 *Fane*, b. Dec. 29, 1825; m. Urick A. Hall, Derry; he d.; one ch.  
 31 *Mary Ann*, b. Aug. 11, 1828; d. April 16, 1846, æ. 17 yrs., 8 mos., at Nashua.  
 32 *Nathaniel*, b. July 30, 1830; m. Angelis S. W. Mower, Jaffrey, Jan. 2, 1854; three ch.; r. Turner's Falls, Mass.  
 33 *Andrew F.*, b. Oct. 28, 1834; m. Carrie Currier, of Manchester; r. Manchester.  
 34 *Catharine W.*, b. Oct. 8, 1838; m. Frederick Griffin, of Derry.
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I ABRAHAM HOLMES was the son of John Holmes, of Londonderry, who was long an elder in the Presbyterian Church, in Londonderry. His father, John Holmes, was ten years old when his father, Abraham Holmes, came from Ireland with his children, in 1719, and joined the settlement at Londonderry, having previously m. Mary Morrison for his second wife. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He d. in 1753, at the age of 70 yrs. We do not know whether there was any connection or not between this family and that of Dea. Nathaniel Holmes, though both came from Londonderry. He m. Elizabeth Russell, Oct. 11, 1764, and removed to Peterborough about 1765. He lived in the north part of the town, on the farm now occupied by Horace Whittemore. He was b. May 18, 1738; d. Nov. 18, 1815, æ. 77 yrs., 6 mos. She was b. June 16, 1743; d. Aug. 5, 1827, æ. 84 yrs. He was a pious and exemplary man.

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- 2 *Sarah*, b. Aug. 12, 1765; m. Hugh Gregg.  
 3 *John*, b. Nov. 4, 1767; re. to Montpelier, Vt., and d. there.  
 4 *Betsey*, b. Aug. 17, 1769; d. Jan. 25, 1795, æ. 26 yrs.  
 5 *William*, b. March 25, 1772; d. May 20, 1813, æ. 41 yrs.  
 6 *Robert*, b. Jan. 22, 1774; r. New Boston.  
 7 *Grace*, b. March 9, 1776; m. William Miller, April 15, 1828.  
 8 †*David*, b. March 29, 1778; m. Elizabeth White, Oct. 12, 1800.



- 9    *†Abraham*, b. July 3, 1780; m., 1st w., Mary Cavender; 2d w., Mary Dickey.  
 10    *Jonathan*, b. Jan. 21, 1783; m. Annis Cavender; d.  
 11    *Thomas*, b. July 9, 1785; m. Betsey Ramsey; d. Nashua.  
 12    *Jacob*, b. Sept. 9, 1787; d. July 22, 1814, at Amherst, æ. 26 yrs., 10 mos.
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1- 8    DAVID HOLMES resided in Amherst, where all his children were born. He was many years the cashier of the old Hillsboro Bank, at Amherst. After its failure, he engaged in the card-making business, at the same place, and continued in it until the newly invented labor-saving machines revolutionized the business. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church at Amherst, under the late Dr. Lord, but withdrew from the society in consequence of embracing the Unitarian views of Christianity. He published a pamphlet vindicating his course, which we have never been able to obtain. He m., 1st w., Elizabeth White, dau. John White, Jr., Oct. 12, 1800. She d. at Bath, Me., March 16, 1846, æ. 65 yrs., 7 mos.; 2d w., Dec. 22, 1846, Sophia Sawyer. He d. at Bath, Me., Nov. 1, 1867, æ. 89 yrs.

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- 13    *Stephen R.*, b. Feb. 22, 1801; d. Jan. 11, 1830, æ. 29 yrs. Graduated at Harvard University, 1822. Professor of Spanish at St. Mary's College, Baltimore, Md.  
 14    *Asahel C.*, b. April 12, 1803; d. at New Orleans, of yellow fever, September, 1842, æ. 39 yrs.  
 15    *David, Jr.*, b. Oct. 18, 1805; d. in Georgia.  
 16    *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 18, 1808; m. B. F. Aiken; five ch.; one only living. She d. Oct. 12, 1856, æ. 48.  
 17    *Mary S.*, b. June 3, 1811; d. at Bath, Me., Dec. 6, 1862, æ. 51 yrs.  
 18    *Charles W.*, b. June 27, 1816; m. Sarah J. Harding; three ch.  
 19    *Charlotte W.*, b. Nov. 21, 1823; m. Jacob S. Sewall, of Bath, Me.; two ch.
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1- 6    ABRAHAM HOLMES, Jr. He always lived in town, and was usually engaged in the lumbering business. He began a set of mills, saw and grist-mill, in the north-east part of the town, known as "Holmes' Mills," and d. there. He m., 1st w., Mary Cavender, dau. of John Cavender, Greenfield, January, 1807; she d.; m., 2d w., Mary Dickey, May, 1828. She d. Oct. 5, 1860, æ. 77 yrs. He d. Feb. 3, 1858, æ. 77 yrs., 7 mos.; 1st w., four ch.; 2d w., three ch.

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- 20    *Eleanor*, b. Dec. 7, 1807; d. Nov. 28, 1826, æ. 19 yrs.  
 21    *Gracy*, b. June 2, 1809; m. Salmon Smith; r. Milford.



- 22 *James*, b. Aug. 27, 1811; m. Mary Ann Grimes, of Greenfield.  
 23 *Mary*, b. Aug. 2, 1818; m. Hubbard Newton; d.  
 24 †*John Dickey*, b. April 13, 1829; m. Sarah T. Morrison; r. Alstead.  
 25 *Elizabeth R.*, b. Sept. 27, 1830; m. George F. Livingston, May 20, 1858.  
 26 *Sarah Jane*, b. Dec. 23, 1831; d. Aug. 27, 1856, æ. 24 yrs., 8 mos.
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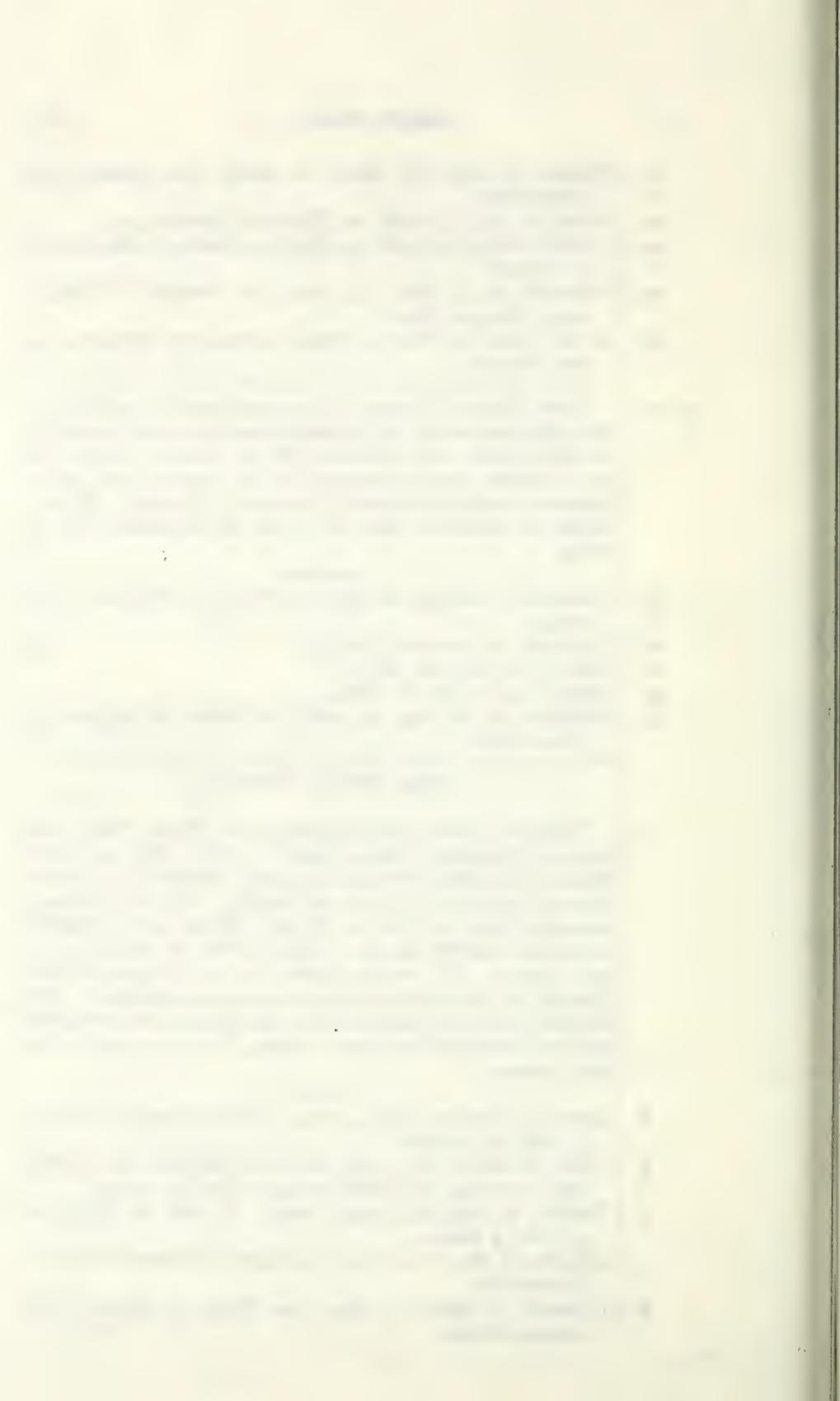
9- 24 JOHN DICKEY HOLMES. For some years he carried on the mills erected by his father, but sold out and removed to the village, and subsequently to Alstead, where he now resides, and is engaged in the lumber and grain business, under the firm of Holmes & Buxton. He m. Sarah T. Morrison, dau. of Josiah S. Morrison, July 4, 1854.

- 27 *James M.*, b. Sept. 26, 1855; d. Nov. 10, 1856, æ 1 yr., 1 mo.  
 28 *Frederick A.*, b. April 6, 1857.  
 29 *Ella J.*, b. Sept. 6, 1858.  
 30 *George E.*, b. July 16, 1864.  
 31 *William M.*, b. Aug. 27, 1868; d. March 18, 1874, æ. 5 yrs., 6 mos.
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#### THE HOLT FAMILY.

1 TIMOTHY HOLT, son of Joshua and Phebe Holt, was born in Andover, Mass., April 1, 1767. He m. Lydia Holt, of Andover, Nov. 7, 1793, and removed to Peterborough the 15th of the same month. She d. at Peterborough, Nov. 22, 1825, æ. 58 yrs. He m., 2d w., March 11, 1830, Charity Savage. She d. Feb. 28, 1846, æ. 67 yrs., 9 mos. He was a deacon in the Congregational Church, in Greenfield, where he always worshipped. He lived on the East Mountain, on one of the farms situated on the Greenfield line, and d. there, Oct. 20, 1856, æ. 89 yrs., 6 mos.

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- 2 *Lydia*, b. April 19, 1795; unm.; lived in town; d. Nov. 5, 1867, æ. 72 yrs.  
 3 *Chloe*, b. March 30, 1797; m. Ziba Baldwin, of Greenfield, in 1834; d., Peterborough, 1876, æ. 79 yrs.  
 4 *Talitha*, b. Sept. 16, 1799; unm.; d. Jan. 22, 1855, æ. 55 yrs., 4 mos.  
 5 *Timothy*, b. May 16, 1802; m. Mary Jackman, 1825; d. Fisherville.  
 6 †*Joseph*, b. April 4, 1804; m. Mary I. Miller, dau. Adams Miller.



- 7 *Joshua*, b. March 17, 1807; d. July 9, 1811, æ. 4 yrs., 3 mos.  
 8 *Ruth*, b. Feb. 8, 1810; d. July 18, 1811, æ. 1 yr., 5 mos.  
 9 *Ruth*, b. May 11, 1812; m. Timothy L. Hovey.
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1- 6 JOSEPH HOLT. He remained on the homestead. He m. Mary I. Miller, dau. Adams Miller, Jan. 17, 1832. He d. Dec. 13, 1861, æ. 58 yrs. She d. July 16, 1870, æ. 64 yrs.

- 10 *Lydia Ann*, b. April 18, 1833; m. Edwin J. Smith, July 5, 1854. He died Dec. 28, 1872, æ. 41 yrs.; r. Nashua.  
 11 *George A.*, b. Jan. 26, 1835; m., Oct. 5, 1856, Celestia M. Benham; r. Morrisburg, Canada West.  
 12 *James A.*, b. May 28, 1837; d. Aug. 3, 1860, æ. 23 yrs., 2 mos.  
 13 *Mary E.*, b. Aug 8, 1839; m. Orlando H. Dodge; r. Lowell.  
 14 *Hannah M.*, b. Sept 28, 1844; m. John S. Rines; r. Lowell.
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#### THE HOVEY FAMILY.

1 RICHARD HOVEY and his brother David bought their farms together in 1782, situated in the north-east part of the town, and then divided them, Richard taking the east part, now occupied by his descendants, and David the west part. David sold his farm and moved to Acworth in 1802, where he d. Sept. 3, 1838, æ. 80 yrs.

Richard Hovey was b. in Boxford, Mass., Feb 4, 1761. He was out in the Revolutionary War three months, he being very young, and happened to be at West Point at the time the traitor Arnold attempted to deliver up the American forces there to the British. He m., 1st w., Rebecca Roberts, in 1789; 2d w., May 29, 1811, widow A. Hall, of Francestown, maiden name, Asenath Baxter, b. in Methuen, Nov. 10, 1769, by whom he had one child, Timothy L. The rest of the children were by the first wife. He d. May 10, 1842, æ. 81 yrs. 1st w. d. May 25, 1807, æ. 37 yrs., 6 mos.; 2d w. d. Nov. 26, 1853, æ. 85 yrs.

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- 2 *Sarah*, b. Dec. 10, 1790; m. Thomas Carter in 1810; r. Windham. Eight ch.  
 3 *Stephen*, b. June 19, 1794; m. Martha Ferson, of Francestown; d. in Lancaster, March 15, 1849, æ. 54 yrs., 8 mos. Seven ch.  
 4 *Joseph*, b. Oct. 19, 1800; m., 1827, Dolly Shattuck; r. Pepperell, Mass. Four ch.

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- 5    *Jonathan*, b. July 10, 1803; m., 1828, Betsey Persons, of Acworth; d. in Lancaster, June 5, 1851, æ. 47 yrs., 10 mos.  
 6    *Robert*,      } b. May 17, 1807; m., 1834, Elizabeth Smiley, dau. Francis Smiley; r. Swanzey; twelve ch.  
 7    *Rebecca*,      } b. May 17, 1807; m. Isaac Clark; r. Barnstead; d. Sept. 17, 1845, æ. 38 yrs., 4 mos.; three ch.

The sons of Robert Hovey enlisted in the late war of the Rebellion, and contracted diseases in the same, which brought on consumption, of which they all d. soon after their return home.

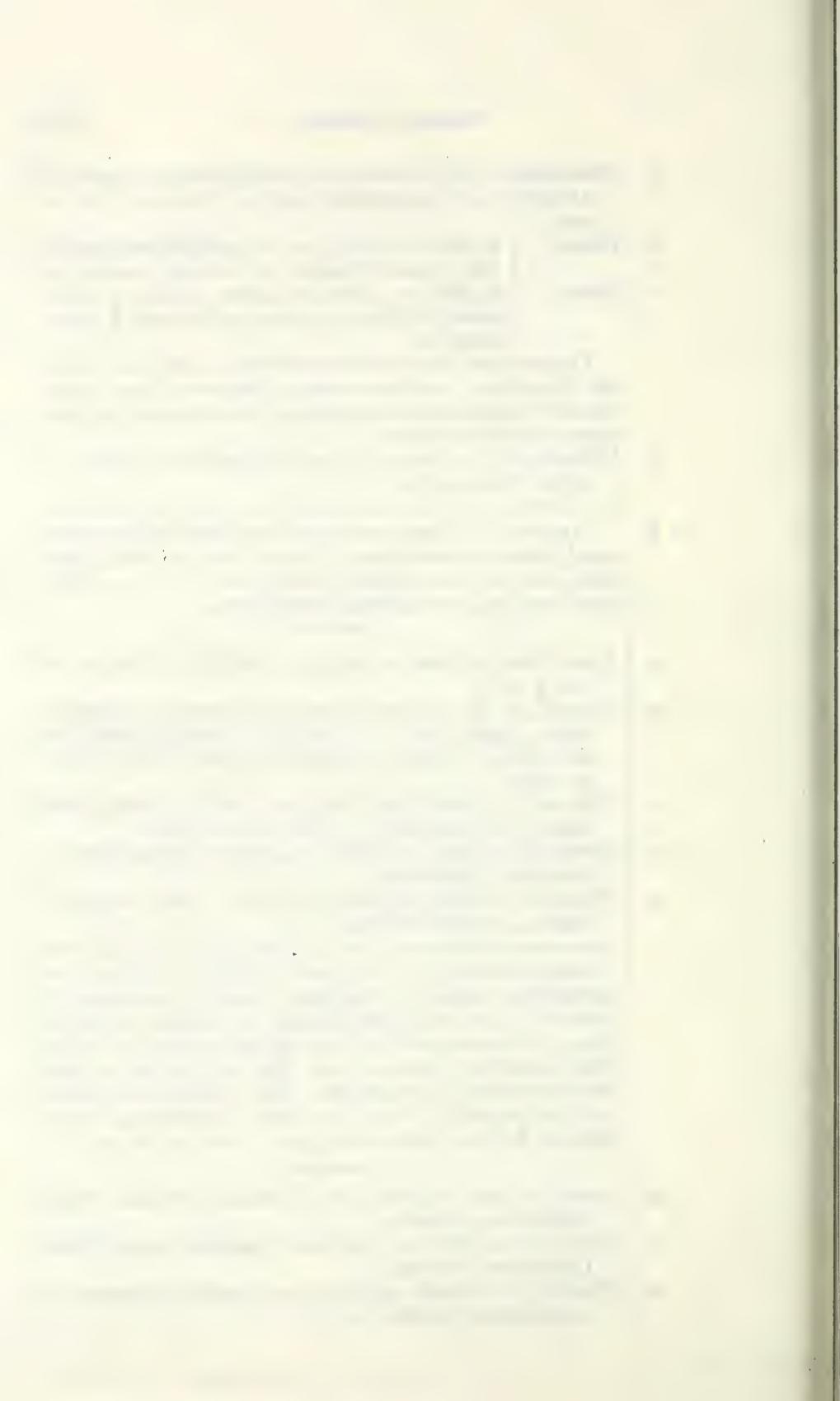
- 8    †*Timothy L.*, b. Aug. 9, 1813; m. Ruth Holt, Nov. 17, 1836. She d. 1874.

1- 8    TIMOTHY L. HOVEY succeeded his father on the home-stead, where he now lives. He m., Nov. 17, 1836, Ruth Holt, dau. of Dea. Timothy Holt; she d. July 29, 1874, æ. 62 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mrs. Hutchinson.

- 9    *Lydia Fane*, b. June 2, 1838; d. Sept. 18, 1854, æ. 16 yrs., 3 mos.  
 10    *Asenath B.*, b. Oct. 20, 1840; m. George W. Marden, Sept. 3, 1862; ch., (1) Cora A., b. Aug. 9, 1863; (2) Jennie S., b. Sept. 21, 1865; (3) Walter H., b. May 30, 1867.  
 11    *John A.*, b. March 19, 1845; m., Oct. 24, 1869, Julia Senter, of Lyndeboro; r. on the home farm.  
 12    *Almon T.*, b. Sept. 17, 1846; m., June 5, 1870, Mary A. Senter, of Lyndeboro.  
 13    *Josephine*, b. Sept. 22, 1849; m., Nov. 1, 1871, Albert O. Smith; a trader in town.

DAVID HOVEY, Jr. He was b. Feb. 28, 1785, and succeeded his father on the farm when he removed to Acworth. He m. Betsey Gregg, of Jaffrey, b. July 9, 1791. He remained in town eighteen years, till 1832, after his father's removal, and then he bought a farm, and removed to Francestown. His children were all b. in Peterborough. He d. at North Lyndeboro, May 5, 1868, æ. 83 yrs. His wife d. June, 1869, æ. 78 yrs.

- 14    *Sarah*, b. April 12, 1814; m. Sylvester Proctor, North Lyndeboro; four ch.  
 15    *Eliza A.*, b. Aug. 24, 1818; m. Franklin Senter, North Lyndeboro; one ch.  
 16    *Phebe F.*, b. March 19, 1825; m. Josiah Swinerton; r. Lyndeboro; five ch.



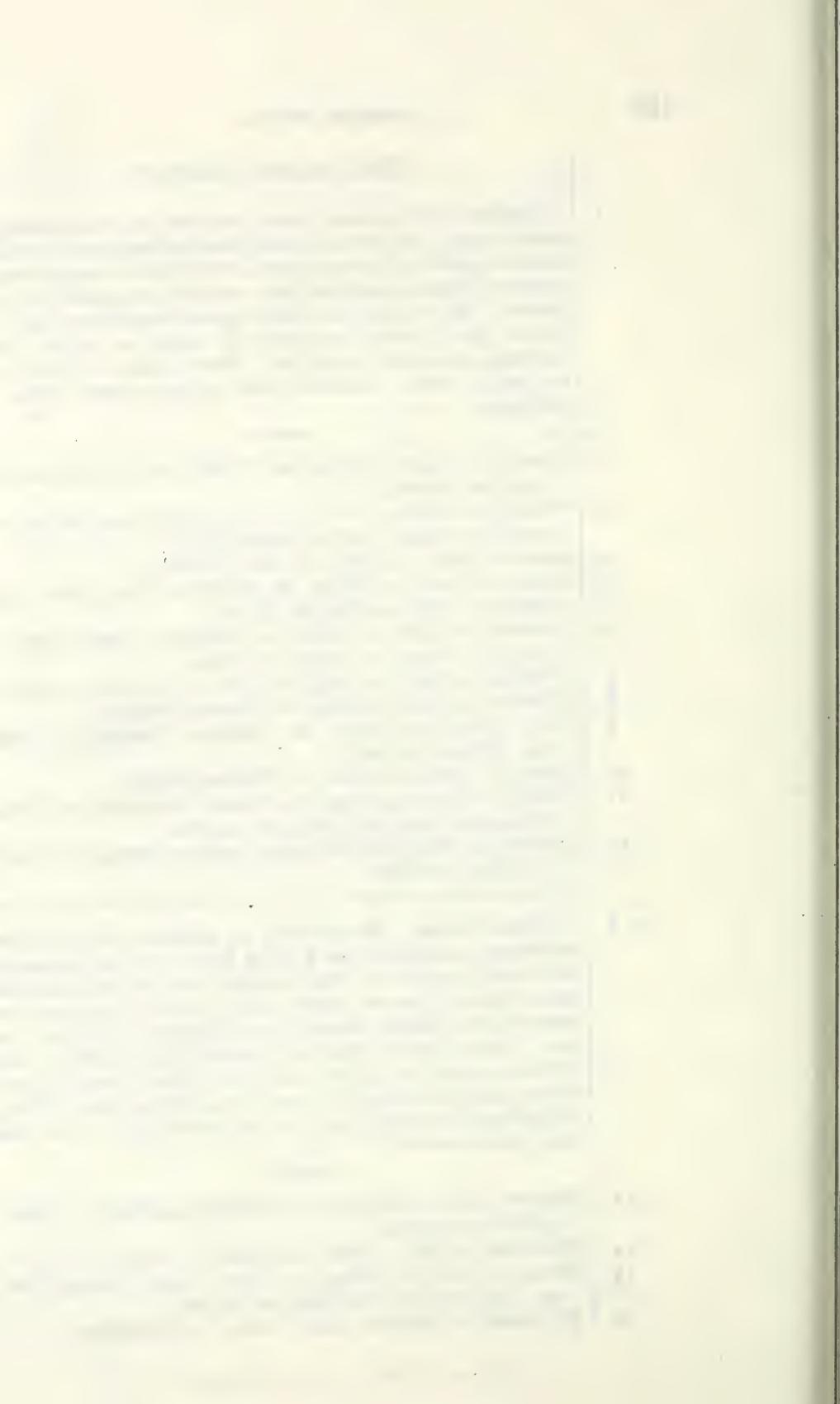
## THE HOWE FAMILY.

- 1 SAMUEL HOWE came from Amherst to Peterborough about 1790. He lived on the place subsequently owned and occupied by his son James, who built a large house a short distance south of the old one occupied by his father. He m., June 8, 1780, Agnes Templeton, dau. of James and Janet Templeton, b. Sept. 24, 1758. He d. April 28, 1818, æ. 67 yrs. She d. Jan. 1, 1823, æ. 64 yrs., 3 mos. The first four children were born in Amherst.
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- 2 *Jane T.*, b. July 19, 1782; m. J. McIntire; d. March 21, 1854, æ. 72 yrs.
- 3 †*James*, b. Oct. 24, 1784; m., 1st w., Martha Craige; 2d w., Eliza Gould; 3d w., Nancy Witt.
- 4 *Sarah*, b. Feb. 1, 1787; m. Isaac Hadley.
- 5 *Annie*, b. April 23, 1789; m. Matthew Gray, Sept. 15, 1816; d. July 1, 1834, æ. 45 yrs.
- 6 †*Samuel*, b. June 6, 1791; m. Rachel Twiss, May 1, 1823; d. Sept. 18, 1872, æ. 81 yrs.
- 7 *William*, b. Dec. 30, 1793; d. Jan. 22, 1794, æ. 24 dys.
- 8 †*Charles*, b. April 2, 1795; m. Betsey Powers.
- 9 *Amy*, b. Aug. 26, 1797; m. Ebenezer Hadley; d. Jan. 11, 1874, æ. 76 yrs.
- 10 *Nancy*, b. June 17, 1800; m. William Puffer.
- 11 *Asahel*, b. July 19, 1802; m. Fanny Spofford; re. Nauvoo, and d. Aug. 13, 1844, æ. 42 yrs.
- 12 *William*, b. Feb. 26, 1805; m. Caroline Stone; d. April 17, 1873, æ. 68 yrs.
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1- 3 JAMES HOWE. He erected, in addition to his other buildings, a saw-mill, on a little brook running through his farm, in which he did a good deal of business for some years. Two or three years before his death he removed to Jaffrey, where he d. March 25, 1863, æ. 79 yrs. He m., 1st w., Martha Craige, Oct. 22, 1815; she d. Dec. 9, 1830, æ. 38 yrs; m., 2 w., Eliza Gould, 1832; she d. Aug. 16, 1847, æ. 42 yrs.; m., 3d w., Nancy Witt, of Jaffrey, March 6, 1849; 1st w., seven ch.; 2d w., six ch.; 3d w., two ch.

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- 13 *Eleanor*, b. June 26, 1816; m. Nathan Leathers; d. Dec. 9, 1861, æ. 45 yrs.
- 14 *Jonathan*, b. Oct. 3, 1817; d. Dec. 17, 1852, æ. 33 yrs.
- 15 *James*, b. July 23, 1819; m. Mary Ann Whiting, Jan. 21, 1846; d. Oct. 16, 1850, æ. 30 yrs.
- 16 *F. Samuel*, b. July 20, 1821; unm.; r. California.



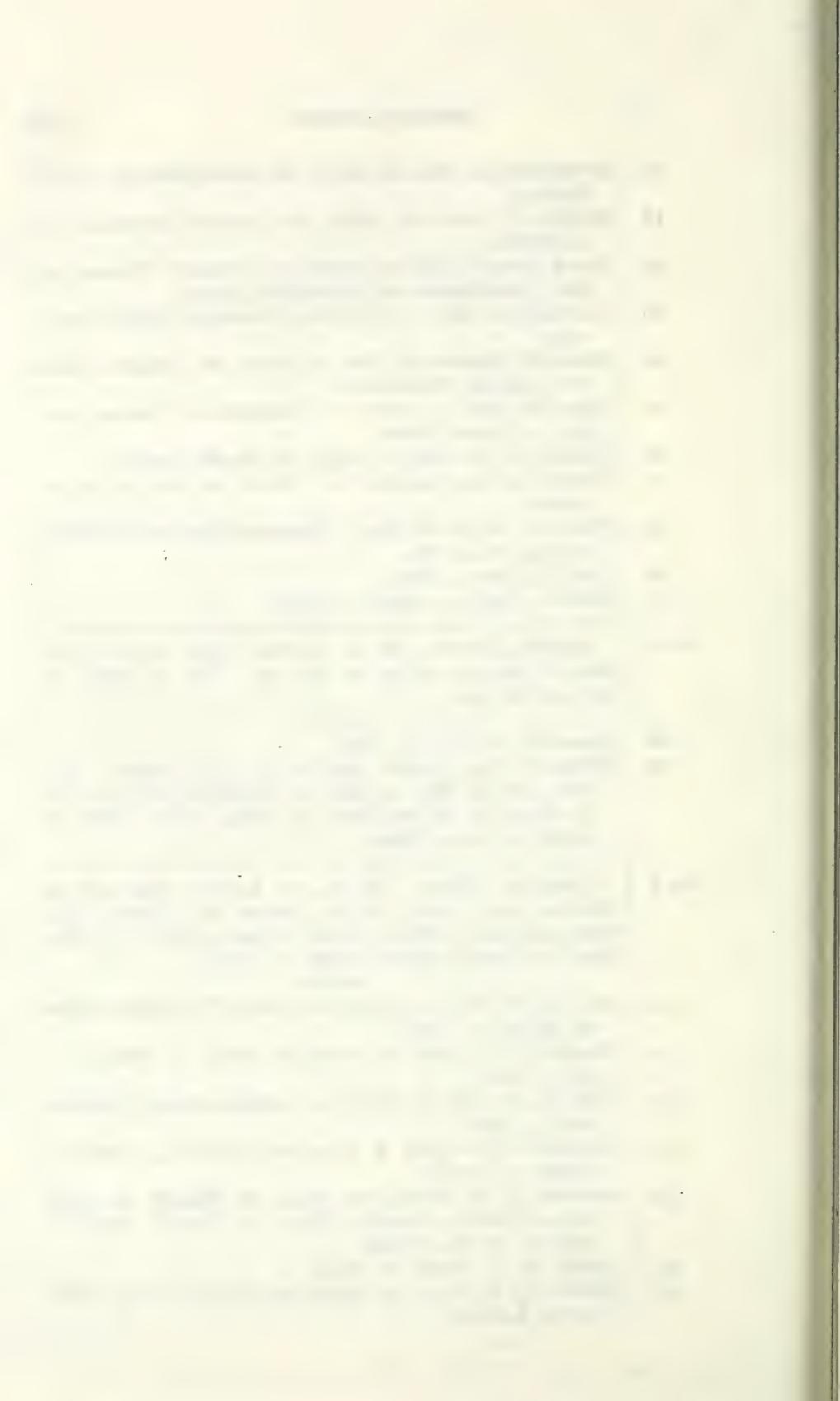
- 17 *Montgomery*, b. Sept. 8, 1823; m. Lizzie Shenck; r. California.  
 18 *Martha*, b. Nov. 28, 1825; m. Joseph Boardman; r. California.  
 19 *Sarah Jane*, b. Feb. 25, 1828; m. Albion P. Dresser; 2d hus., John Sanderson, Springfield, Mass.  
 20 †*Elbridge*, b. Sept. 6, 1833; m. Henrietta Felch, Oct. 3, 1859.  
 21 *Elizabeth Minerva*, b. Dec. 23, 1834; m. Jackson Clement; one ch., Freddie A.  
 22 *Alfred*, b. April 13, 1837; m. Georgianna Thomas; two ch.; r. Dracut, Mass.  
 23 †*Allison G.*, b. April 16, 1839; m. Sarah Haskell.  
 24 *Francis*, b. Aug. 14, 1841; d. March 24, 1843, æ. 1 yr., 7 mos.  
 25 *Francis*, b. Sept. 26, 1843. Suppose killed at Fair Oaks, in 1863, æ. 20 yrs.  
 26 *Louis*, b. June 7, 1850.  
 27 *Elton*, b. April 19, 1854; d. 1875.

1- 6 SAMUEL HOWE. He m. Rachel Twiss, May 1, 1823. She d. Jan. 22, 1852, æ. 65 yrs. He d. Sept. 18, 1872, æ. 81 yrs.

- 28 *Samuel R.*, b. July 31, 1824.  
 29 *George*, b. Feb. 5, 1828; m., Oct. 9, 1851, Sarah J. Wilkins; she d. May 4, 1860; 1 ch., Katie Jane, b. Dec. 8, 1856; m., 2d w., Sept. 10, 1863, Abbie Brown, of Lynn; r. Lynn, Mass.

1- 8 CHARLES HOWE. He re. to Lowell after all his children were born. He m. Betsey M. Powers, dau. Whitcomb and Miriam Bond Powers, Dec. 11, 1823. He d. at Lowell, April 1, 1866, æ. 71 yrs.

- 30 *Mary A.*, b. Oct. 10, 1824; m. George W. Haines, Lowell, March 7, 1846.  
 31 *Charles G.*, b. April 10, 1826; d. Sept. 11, 1828, æ. 2 yrs., 5 mos.  
 32 *Lydia E.*, b. May 27, 1828; m. Josephus Emery, Nashua, Jan. 13, 1862.  
 33 *Charlotte A.*, b. July 4, 1830; m., April 14, 1849, Ira Bickford, Lowell.  
 34 *Amanda F.*, b. March 20, 1832; m., March 10, 1855, Samuel Easter, Lowell. She d. in Lowell, Aug. 12, 1867, æ. 35 yrs., 4 mos.  
 35 *Charles H.*, b. March 21, 1834.  
 36 *Edwin G.*, b. May 12, 1836; m., May 18, 1857, Jane Howe, Lowell.



37 *Miriam B.*, b. Nov. 11, 1839; m., Jan. 2, 1858, Edward Hosmer, Lowell.

3- 20 *ELBRIDGE HOWE*. A mechanic, and is engaged extensively in the truss-making business in the village. He m. Henrietta Felch, Oct. 3, 1859.

38 *Albion P.*, b. March 5, 1860.

39 *F. Everett*, b. Sept. 7, 1869.

40 *Dana Burdett*, b. October, 1873.

3- 23 *ALLISON G. HOWE*. Early in the late Rebellion he enlisted, and remained in service till he lost his health, and came home with little hope of ever overcoming a very unpromising pulmonary disease. But by the aid of a good constitution he partially recovered, so as to learn the principles of dentistry, and prepare himself in the art, to practice the same for a livelihood. He continued the same for some years, and very acceptably to the people, and established a good character for integrity and manliness. Being attacked with a severe pneumonia, he was soon overcome with the disease from the weakened condition of his lungs. He died much regretted and lamented. He m. Sarah Haskell, of Troy, b. June 12, 1839. He d. March 3, 1872, æ. 32 yrs.

41 *Nellie*, b. Aug. 28, 1871.

#### THE HOWDEN FAMILY.

1 *WILLIAM HOWDEN* was born in England, and came to this country as a British soldier at the commencement of the Revolutionary War. He soon deserted the British army, and was among the patriots at the battle of Bunker Hill. He m. Sarah Barnard, of Lyman, Mass., and settled at Salem as a tailor, where all his children but one were born. He moved to Peterborough in 1790, and lived on the south part of William Smith's farm many years, and followed his trade. Left Peterborough, in 1816, for Bristol, Vt., where he d. in 1829. His w. d. at Hinesburg, Vt.

2 *William*, b. Nov. 4, 1779.

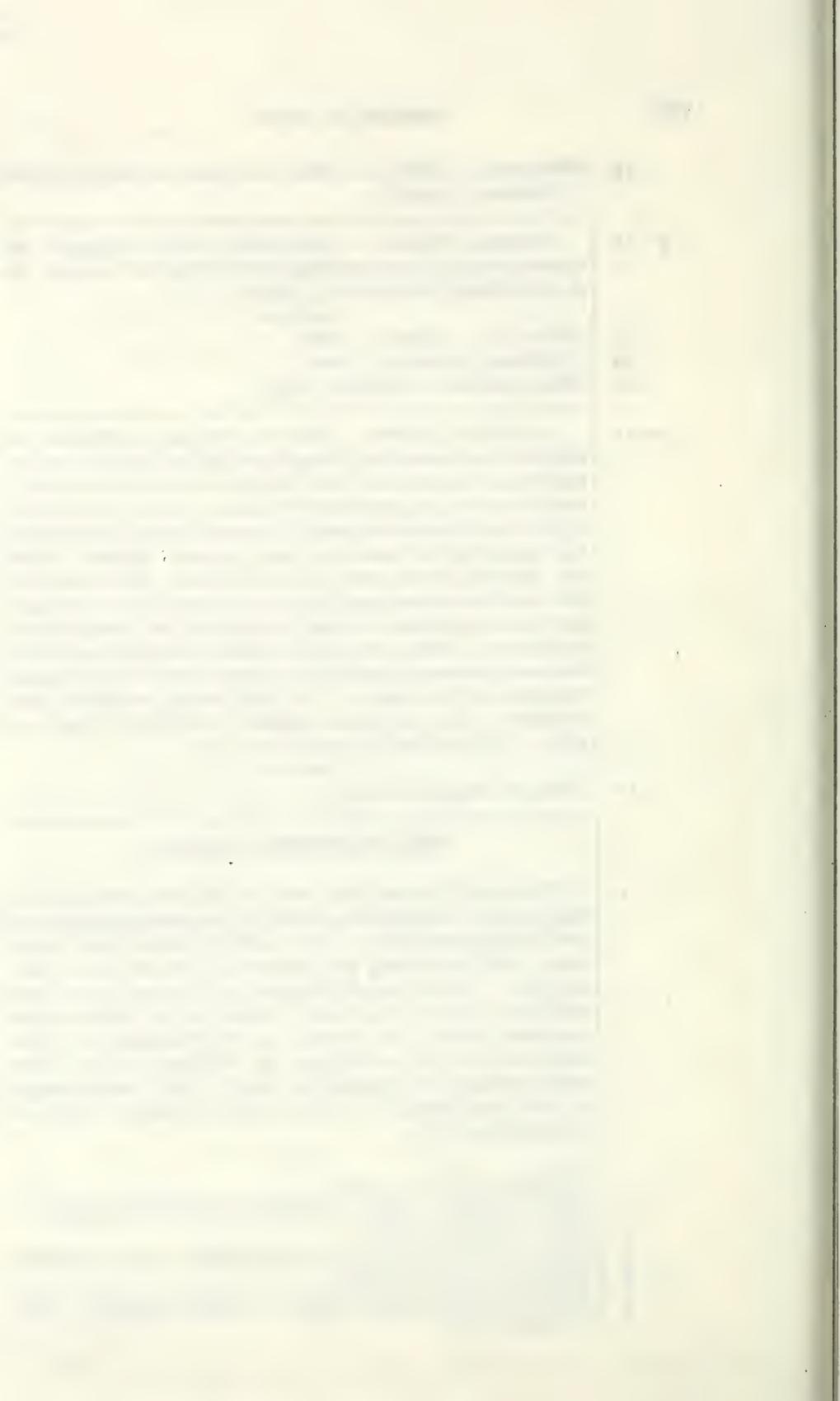
3 *John*, b. June 6, 1781; r. Bristol, Vt.; d. about 1858.

4 *Sally*, b. Oct. 19, 1783.

5 *Polly*, b. May 12, 1785; m. James Nay; re. to Vermont.

6 *Thomas*, b. Feb. 14, 1787.

7 *Betsey*, b. March 28, 1789; m. Girdon Mansell, Charlton, O.; d.



- 8 | *Henry*, b. in Peterborough, June 18, 1792; r. Hume,  
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## THE HUNT FAMILY.

1 EBER HUNT was a descendant, in the fifth generation, from Enoch Hunt, an Englishman, who was one of the first settlers of Weymouth, Mass. He was the son of Ebenezer Hunt. He came to Peterborough in 1784 or '5, from Weymouth, with five ch., and at first rented the Dunbar place. He d. at an early age, Jan. 26, 1787, æ. 49 yrs., leaving his wife and family poor. Timothy, the eldest, took the principal care of the family for a year or two, when his brother Eli came to his relief. They bought the Warren farm together, now owned and occupied by the descendants of Timothy, and afterwards added to it the Swan farm adjoining. The brothers divided their land, and Eli took the Swan portion, while Timothy the part now occupied by his family. He m. Abigail Nash, of Weymouth, who d. Jan. 25, 1825, at Peterborough, æ. 84 yrs.

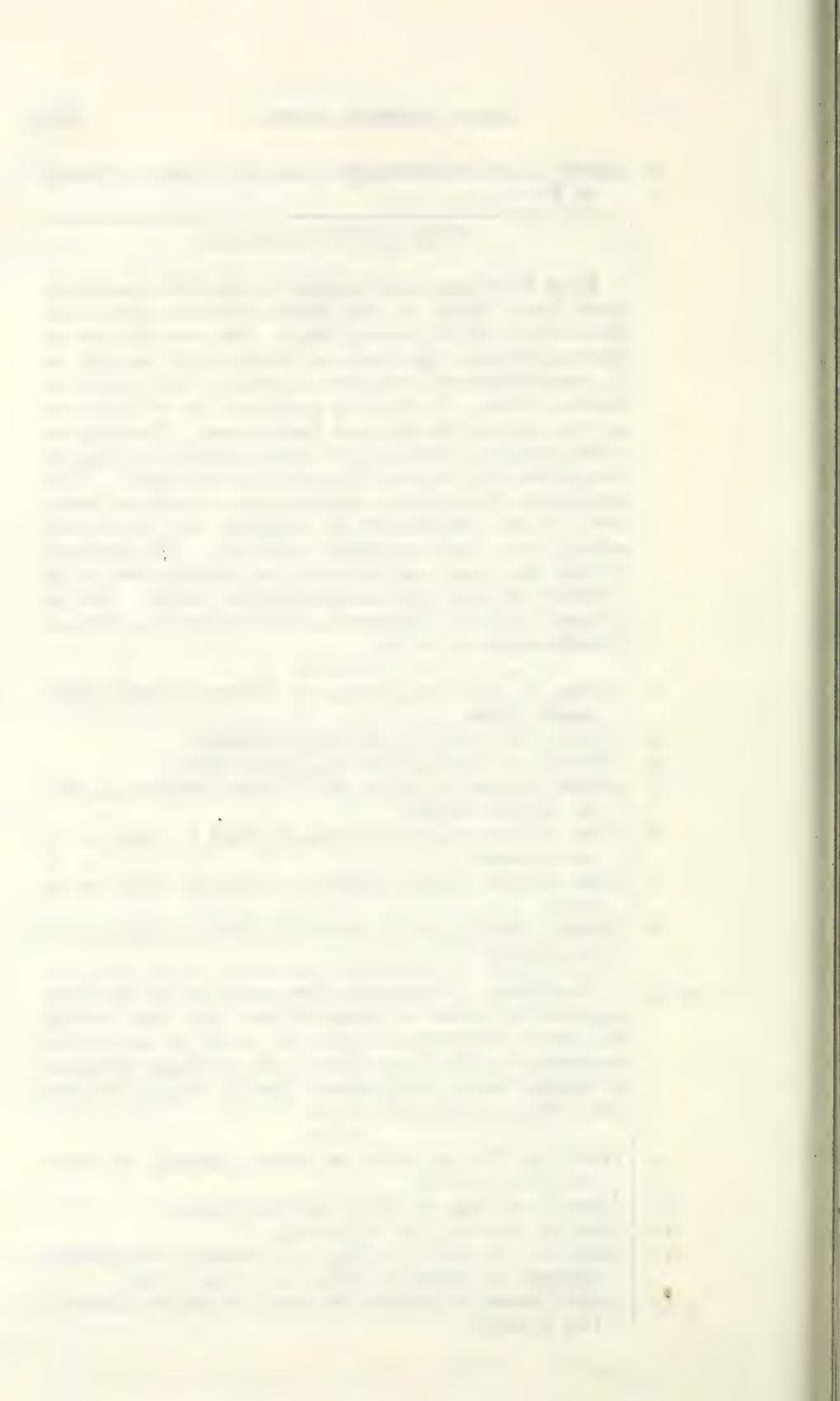
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- 2 *Salome*, b. Sept. 12, 1762; m. Vincent Tirrell, Weymouth, Mass.  
 3 †*Eli*, b. Feb. 24, 1765; m. Lydia Rideout.  
 4 †*Timothy*, b. May 3, 1767; m. Nancy Wade.  
 5 *Abigail*, b. April 17, 1772; m. William Davison; d. Feb. 29, 1796, æ. 24 yrs.  
 6 *Eber*, b. June 28, 1776; unm.; d. May 8, 1804, æ. 27 yrs., 10 mos.  
 7 *Lucy*, b. June 5, 1780; unm.; d. Aug. 30, 1804; æ. 24 yrs.  
 8 *Lydia*, b. Aug. 31, 1785; unm.; d. Feb. 7, 1810, æ. 24 yrs., 5 mos.
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1- 3 ELI HUNT. During the last years of his life lived opposite the house of James Wilson, Esq., and traded, the place now remaining in the hands of one of his descendants, Mrs. John Little. He m. Lydia Rideout, of Hollis, Dec. 1, 1805, who d. Dec. 7, 1852, æ. 65 yrs. He d. May 27, 1833, æ. 68 yrs.

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- 9 †*Eli S.*, b. May 25, 1807; m. Mary Goddard, of Swanzey, Feb. 11, 1835.  
 10 *Mary R.*, b. Aug. 12, 1809; m. John Little.  
 11 *Jane*, b. June 21, 1811; d. young.  
 12 *Jane B.*, b. Oct. 7, 1813; m. Kimball W. Brown, Nashua; d. March 16, 1851, æ. 37 yrs., 5 mos.  
 13 *Lydia Lucretia*, b. March 21, 1816; m. Joseph Brackett, Oct 1, 1846.



- 14    *Elizabeth*, b. April 18, 1818; m. Francis W. G. Powers.  
       She d. May 23, 1870, æ. 52 yrs., 5 mos.; c.
- 15    *Charles*, b. March 19, 1820; d. Sept. 19, 1836, æ. 16 yrs.,  
       6 mos.
- 16    *Sarah B.*, b. April 21, 1822; m. John McCoy, Sharon.  
       He d. Oct 7, 1871; c.
- 17    *Lucy Caroline*, b. Nov. 20, 1824; m. John S. Bellis,  
       Waltham, Nov. 16, 1848; ch., (1) George P.; m. Jane  
       D. Farnsworth, Groton; ch., George A.; (2) Albert  
       H.; (3) William S.
- 18    *James Albert*, b. July 24, 1827; m. Ann Vinal, Waltham;  
       d. March 10, 1872, æ. 45 yrs., 7 mos.; ch., (1) Clara  
       Ann; (2) Lydia M.; (3) James H.; (4) John E.
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1- 4    TIMOTHY HUNT (Dea.) came to town with his father's family when he was about seventeen or eighteen years old — 1784 or '5. By the early death of his father the principal support of the family devolved on him and his elder brother at an early age. He was successful in life, and reared up a large, respectable family, and d. honored and respected in an extreme old age. He first erected a saw and grist mill near his residence, and carried it on many years. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian church in town. He m. Nancy Wade, who d. Aug. 30, 1861, æ. 93 yrs. He d. March 11, 1857, æ. 90 yrs.

- 19    *Nancy*, b. Sept. 21, 1794; m. John Dennis, March 11,  
       1817; r. Hancock. He d. at Quincy, Ill., January,  
       1874.
- 20    *Abigail*, b. April 11, 1798; m. Richard T. Bass., Jr.,  
       March 7, 1826; d. Oct. 12, 1839, æ. 40 yrs., 6 mos.
- 21    †*Norton*, b. March 27, 1800; m., 1st w., Mary Cum-  
       mings; 2d w., Mrs. Rebecca Tufts.
- 22    *Juliana*, b. March 14, 1802; m. Dea. John Vose, May 4,  
       1829; r. Antrim; d. Dec. 23, 1831, æ. 29 yrs., 9 mos.
- 23    *Lucy*, b. July 30, 1804; d. March 17, 1829, æ. 24 yrs., 7  
       mos.
- 24    *Bethiah*, b. June 3, 1807; m. Dea. Nathaniel H. Moore,  
       Dec. 1, 1831.
- 25    *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 25, 1809; d. June 17, 1829, æ. 19 yrs.
- 26    *Louisa*, b. Oct. 11, 1812; m. S. F. Safford, Hamilton, Ill.  
       He d. 1859; ch., (1) Sarah L.; d. 1839; (2) Abby L.;  
       (3) George B.; (4) Charles C.; (5) Stephen Henry;  
       (6) Mary A.; (7) John T.
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3- 9    ELI S. HUNT. He was many years engaged in manufacturing cotton goods at the North Cotton Factory, until the works were suspended. The last part of his life was devoted to farming. He was selectman four



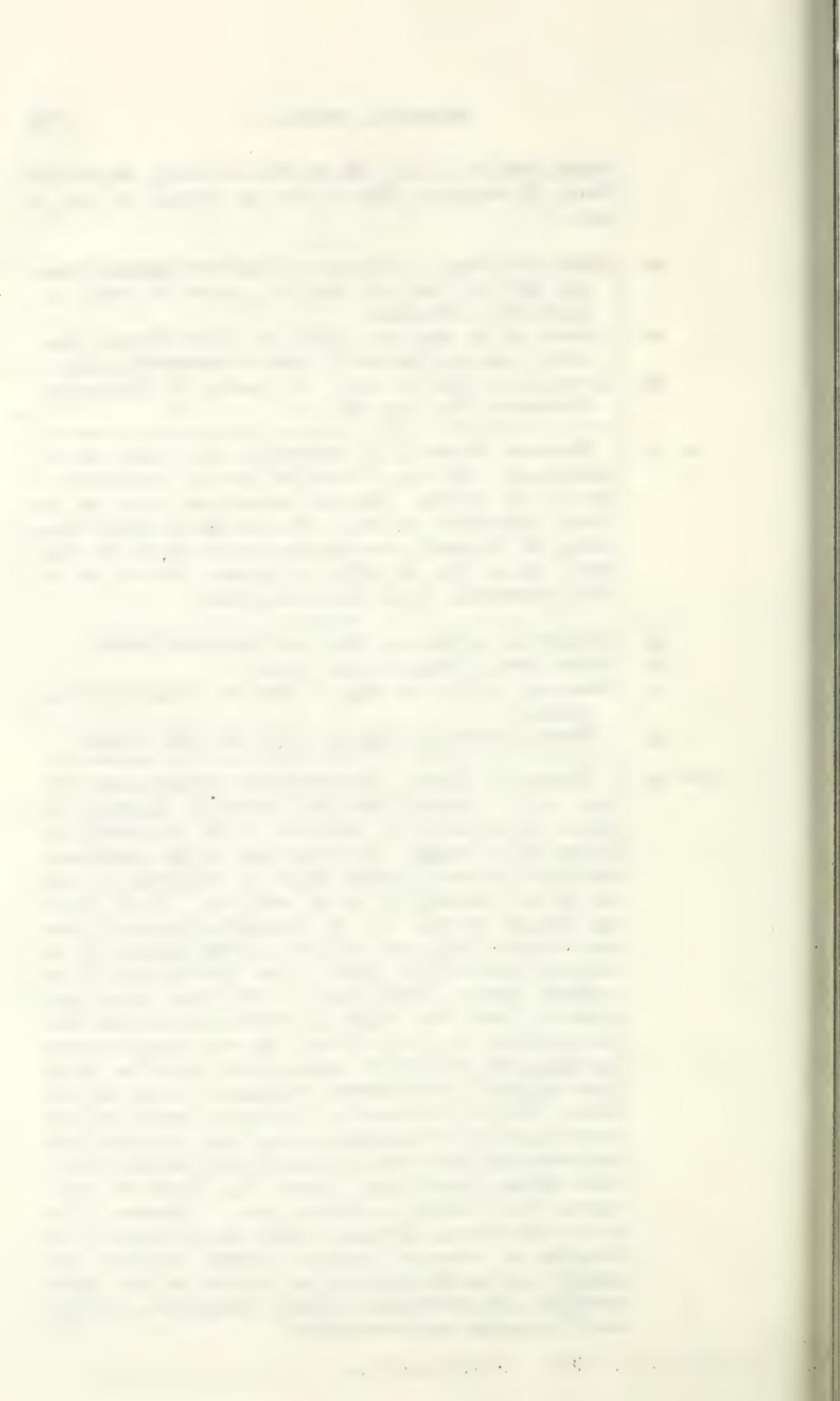
years, 1861, '2, '3, '4. He m., Feb. 11, 1835, Mary Goddard, of Swansey. He d. Jan. 29, 1870, æ. 63 yrs., 8 mos.

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- 27 *Ellen A.*, b. May 2, 1836; m. J. Hamilton Spofford, Nov. 25, 1858; d. Oct. 27, 1875, æ. 39 yrs., 6 mos.; ch.. Louis H.; r. Dublin.
- 28 *Charles A.*, b. Aug. 30, 1838; m. Hattie Bryant, June. 1867; one ch., Charles C.; she d. September, 1869.
- 29 *George E.*, b. July 27, 1843; m. Frances M. Richardson. Greenfield, Nov. 24, 1868.

4- 21 NORTON HUNT (Col.) succeeded his father on the homestead. He was Colonel of the 22d Regiment of the N. H. Militia. He represented the town in the State Legislature in 1847. He m., 1st w., Mary Cummings, of Hancock, who was the mother of all the children; she d. Jan. 18, 1860, æ. 53 yrs. He m., 2d w., Mrs. Rebecca B. Tufts, March 14, 1861.

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- 30 †*George A.*, b. Feb. 14, 1828; m. Elizabeth Curtis.
- 31 *Mary Jane*, b. Sept. 5, 1832; unm.
- 32 *Nancy A.*, b. July 26, 1839; d. May 20, 1869, æ. 29 yrs.. 9 mos.
- 33 †*Timothy Norton*, b. Aug. 30, 1841; m. Elsie Wilder.

21- 30 GEORGE A. HUNT. He graduated at Dartmouth College, 1852. Studied law, and settled at Quincy, Ill., where he practised his profession a few years until the failure of his health. He stood high in the profession, and gave promise of a high degree of eminence, but was cut off by consumption at an early age. He d. March 24, 1867, æ. 39 yrs. He m. Elizabeth Curtis, of Hanover, Sept. 6, 1853, and left no children living. In an obituary notice of Mr. Hunt, in the Peterborough Transcript of April 13, 1867, it says: "Mr. Hunt was a good scholar, a man of a highly cultivated intellect, and had the reputation of great culture. He was always a growing man, and, had his life been spared, would no doubt have acquired a wide-spread reputation in his adopted State. He was an honor to his native town, and his memory should be cherished among those sons who have well sustained the honor and character of the old home." The Adams County bar, Quincy, Ill., March 26, 1867, passed the following resolution, *viz.*: "*Resolved*, That in the character of George A. Hunt we recognize all the elements of material greatness, talent, industry, and energy; and in his death the bar has lost an able representative, the profession a genial companion, and the world a fearless and honest man."



21- 33      TIMOTHY N. HUNT. He is the third generation on the old homestead, devoting himself to farming. He m. Elsie E. Wilder, Dec. 13, 1870.

34      *Emma W.*, b. Sept. 30, 1871.  
 35      *George A.*, b. Sept. 16, 1873; d. 1876.  
 36      *John Norton*, b. Sept. 27, 1875.

## THE INGALLS FAMILY.

1      NATHANIEL INGALLS was a native of Andover, Mass., and was born in 1752. He emigrated to Rindge with his father's family, in 1764, when twelve years of age. He removed to Peterborough with his family in 1803. He was first a miller at the Morison mill, at the South Factory Village, and subsequently, for two years or more, at the mill under the first Peterborough cotton factory. He m., June 5, 1787, Sarah Hale, b. in Rindge, Feb. 7, 1765; she d. Sept. 18, 1844, æ. 79 yrs., 7 mos. He d. March 9, 1814, æ. 62 yrs.

2      *Tabitha*, b. in Rindge, Feb. 27, 1789; m. Amos Woolson, Jan. 8, 1809; d. Jan. 14, 1812, æ. 23 yrs.  
 3      *Sally*, b. May 31, 1791; m. Robert White, April 30, 1837; d. March 25, 1845, æ. 54 yrs.  
 4      *Betsey*, b. Oct. 2, 1793; unm.; d. Feb. 15, 1845, æ. 51 yrs.  
 5      †*Cyrus*, b. Feb. 7, 1797; m. Mary Louisa Dakin.  
 6      *Sabra*, b. October, 1799; unm.; d. Feb. 6, 1860, æ. 60 yrs.  
 7      *Almira*, b. Au<sup>r</sup> 14, 1803; m. Charles Carter, May 8, 1827; r. Leominster.  
 8      †*George H.*, b. March 21, 1805; m. Betsey Loring, 1831.  
 9      *Hannah M.*, b. 1810; d. Jan. 21, 1812, æ. 2 yrs.

1- 5      CYRUS INGALLS. He has resided in various places, mostly in Peterborough and Leominster, Mass. He left Peterborough in 1833. He followed the mercantile business when in town. Was town clerk, 1829, '30, '31, '32. He m. Mary Louisa Dakin, Sept. 13, 1830; she d. at Leominster; r. Leominster, Mass.

10      *Frederick Cyrus*, b. Sept. 12, 1832; r. Chicago; is a lawyer.  
 11      *Helen S.*, b. July 20, 1835; d. February, 1856, æ. 21 yrs.  
 12      *Charles E.*, b. March 29, 1839.

1- 8      GEORGE HANDEL INGALLS (Dr.). He was first engaged in mercantile business in Lowell, but afterwards studied medicine, and took his medical degree in the Berkshire Institution, Pittsfield, Mass., in 1837. He

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located himself at Proctorsville, Vt., as a physician, in 1838, and remained in a very successful practice until 1848, when his health failed, and he returned to Peterborough, and d. of consumption, May 26, 1849, æ. 44 yrs. He was a worthy man, and highly esteemed as a useful and skilful physician. He m. Betsey Loring, of Sterling, May 28, 1831; she d. at Proctorsville, Vt., June 30, 1842.

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- 13 *Sarah Eliza*, b. Lowell, Feb. 13, 1834; d. Peterborough, Nov. 28, 1852, æ. 18 yrs.
  - 14 *Mary B.*, b. Sterling, Oct. 1, 1835; d. Feb. 1, 1852, æ. 17 yrs.
  - 15 *George F.*, b. Proctorsville, Aug. 3, 1838; m. Ellen A. Merril; r. Danbury, Conn.
  - 16 *Betsey L.*, b. Proctorsville, April 6, 1842; r. Leominster.
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#### THE JEWETT FAMILY.

1 JOHN JEWETT was the son of Joseph and Rebecca Abbot Jewett, of Westford, Mass. He moved to Peterborough in 1797. His father came in 1808, and d. here, Aug. 25, 1814, æ. 74 yrs. He m. Elizabeth Cummings, of Westford; she d. May 10, 1798, æ. 29 yrs. He m., 2d w., Margaret Moore, dau. Dea. Samuel Moore; she d. Jan. 6, 1850, æ. 83 yrs. He was b. in Littleton, Mass., May 30, 1766, and d. at Peterborough, Feb. 6, 1851, æ. 84 yrs., 8 mos. He first settled on Windy Row, near the factories, where he remained till 1817, when he re. to Sharon, where he remained some years, but ultimately returned to Peterborough; 1st w., four ch.; 2d w., four ch.

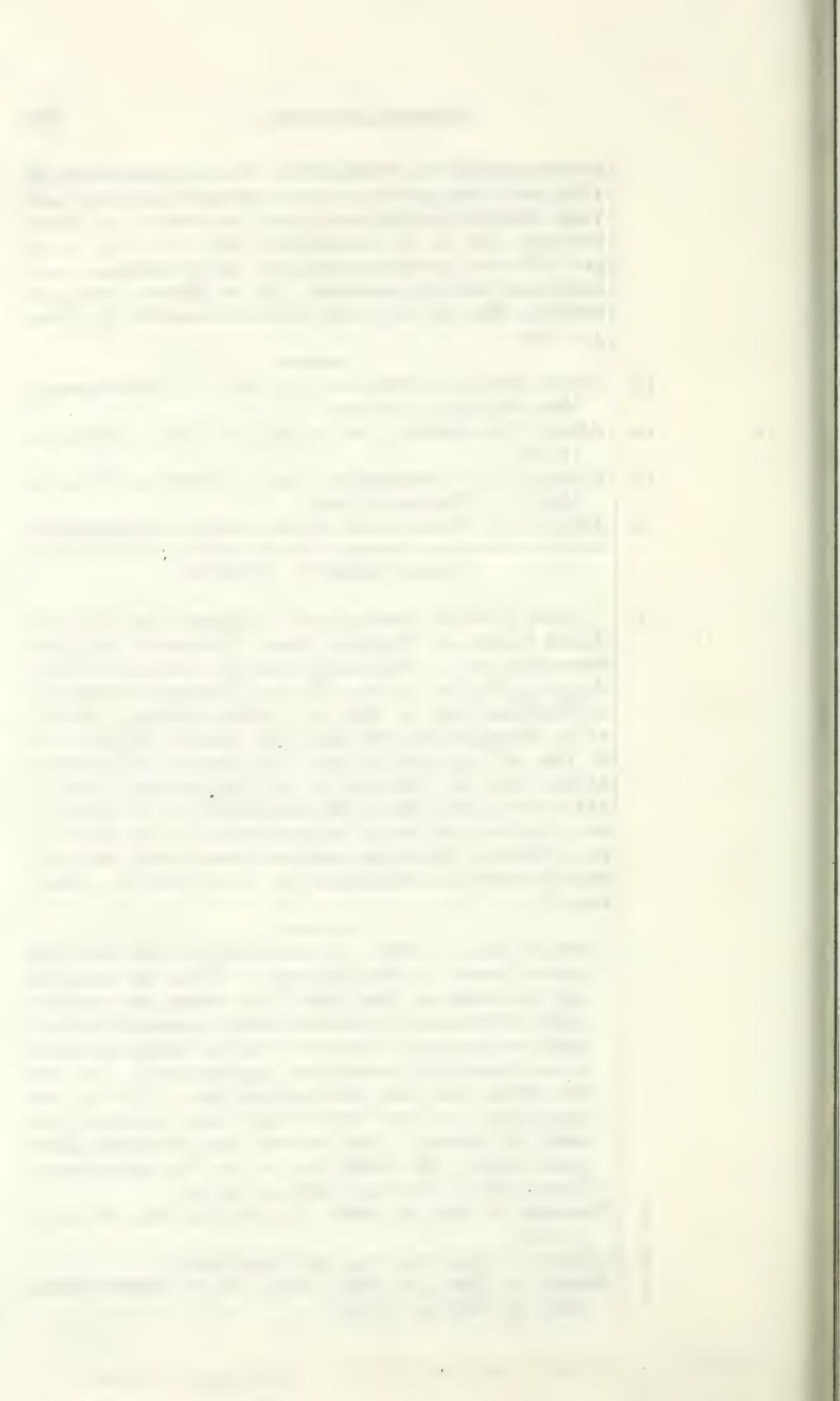
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2 *John*, b. Dec. 1, 1786. He was ten yrs. old when his father moved to Peterborough. When he came of age he went to New York City, where, by industry and perseverance, he was eminently successful in business, and acquired a fortune. He was highly respected as an honorable, honest, and upright man. He had two wives; the last one survived him. His ch. are established in New York in the same business pursued by himself. He retired from business some years before his death, and d. at his country-seat, Orange, N. J., Dec. 23, 1867, æ. 81 yrs.

3 *Jonathan*, b. Aug. 11, 1788; d. in Mobile, Ala., 1839, æ. 51 yrs.

4 †*Ahimaz*, b. Jan. 19, 1794; m. Eliza Scott.

5 *Rebecca*, b. Dec. 30, 1795; unm.; d. in Peterborough, Aug. 18, 1848, æ. 53 yrs.



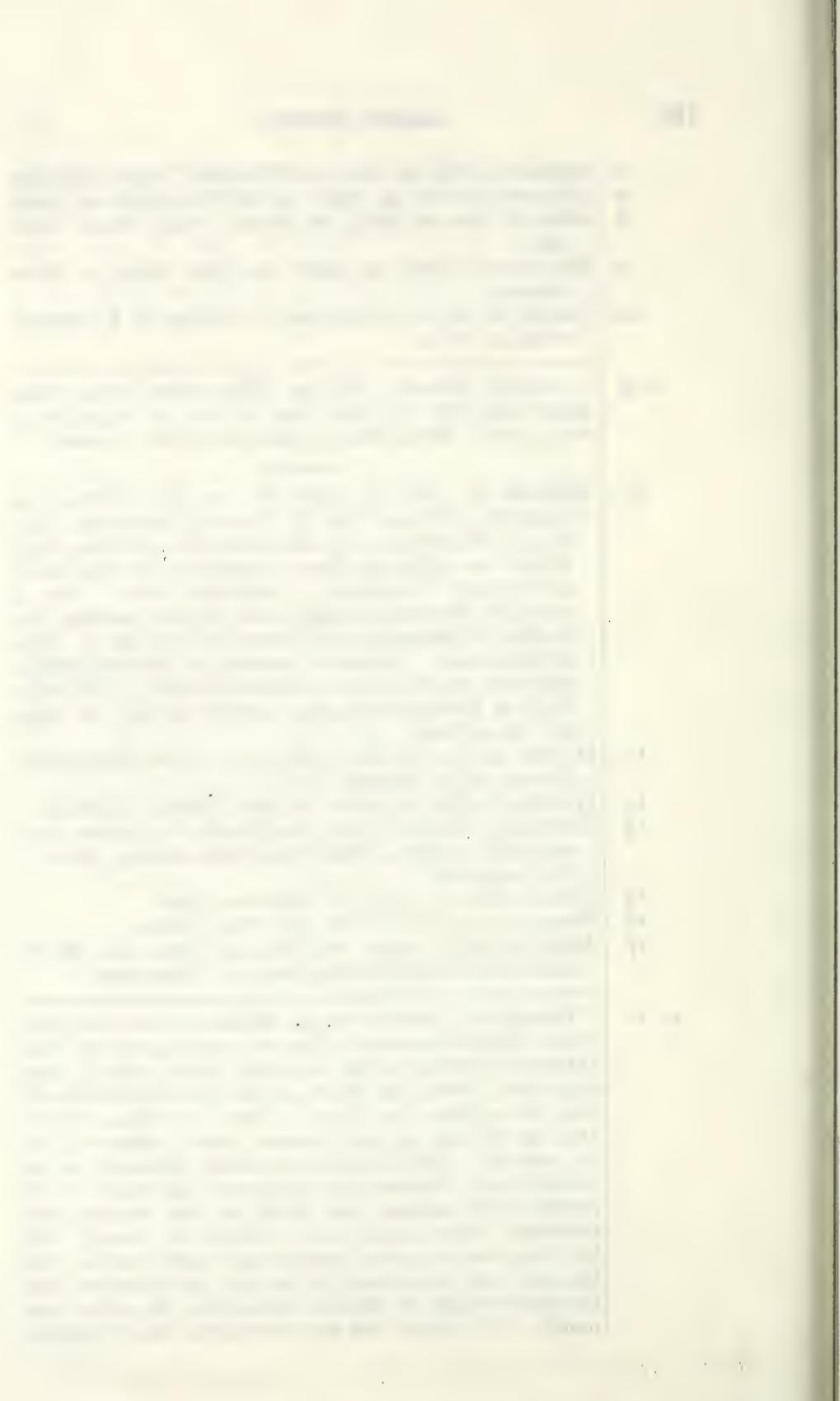
- 6 *Samuel*, b. Feb. 22, 1802; m. Elizabeth Taggart, Sharon.  
 7 *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 22, 1803; m. Ira Felt, April 28, 1825.  
 8 *Mary*, b. June 22, 1805; m., Sept. 8, 1825, Moses Gow-  
 ing.  
 9 *Margaret*, b. Feb. 22, 1808; m. John Hoyt; r. Man-  
 chester.  
 10. *Joseph*, b. Aug. 11, 1809; m.; d. Albion, N. Y., March,  
 1867, æ. 57 yrs.
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1- 4 AHIMAZ JEWETT. He m. Eliza Scott, dau. John Scott, Esq., Feb. 17, 1821; she d. Oct. 12, 1842, æ. 43 yrs., 4 mos. He d. Nov. 2, 1860, æ. 66 yrs., 9 mos.

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- 11 *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 17, 1822; m., 1st hus., Samuel C. Clement; 2d hus., Wm. B. Hale, of Savannah, Ga.; ch., (1) William G., b. in Savannah, Ga., Feb. 9, 1849. Fitted for college at Exeter Academy, and graduated at Harvard University, Cambridge, 1870. Was a tutor in Harvard College, and is now pursuing his studies in Germany; (2) Gertrude E., b. Jan. 3, 1853, in Savannah. Is now a teacher in Cambridgeport; educated at Bridgewater Normal School; (3) Charles P., b. at Peterborough, Aug. 4, 1857; d. May 22, 1859, æ. 1 yr., 9 mos.  
 12 †*George A.*, b. March 5, 1825; m., 1st w., Hannah B. Brown; 2d w., Martha S. Fay.  
 13 †*Charles*, b. Oct. 23, 1827; m. Mrs. Martha S. Jewett.  
 14 *Sarah S.*, b. Feb. 16, 1830; m. Charles N. Thayer, Nov. 21, 1848; 2d hus., Charles B. Ford, April 3, 1872; r. St. Louis, Mo.  
 15 *John*, b. Feb. 17, 1833; r. Hanover, Mass.  
 16 *Henry*, b. ——; d. Dwight, Ill., Oct. 8, 1861.  
 17 *Mary*, b. July 5, 1842; m., Feb. 13, 1859, Rev. H. P. Satchwell, Methodist clergyman; r. Minnesota.
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4- 12 GEORGE A. JEWETT was a deacon in the Congregational Church in town. He m., 1st w., Aug. 7, 1851, Hannah B. Brown, b. Feb. 12, 1822; she d. July 23, 1859, æ. 37 yrs., 5 mos.; m., 2d w., Sept. 25, 1860, Martha S. Fay, dau. Dea. Joel Fay, b. Dec. 17, 1831. He d. Jan. 29, 1861, æ. 35 yrs., 10 mos. 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., one ch. The following obituary appeared in the Peterborough *Transcript* at the time of his death: "We record with sadness the death of our worthy and esteemed fellow-citizen, Dea. George A. Jewett. His life was one of strict integrity and good morals, and his chief aim was, both by precept and example, that his virtues might be diffused throughout the entire community. His death, just in the prime of life, is a public



loss. His obituary can be written in a few words; he was a good man and a Christian."

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- 18 *Joel A.*, b. Aug. 23, 1852; m.  
 19 *Mary H.*, b. July 27, 1854; m. — Taft.  
 20 *George H.*, b. Dec. 15, 1858.  
 21 *Albert E.*, b. Aug. 4, 1861.

4- 13 CHARLES JEWETT m. Mrs. Martha S. Jewett, widow of Dea. George A. Jewett, April 19, 1865. He is a blacksmith by trade.

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- 22 *Fannie M.*, b. June 13, 1867.

#### THE KIMBALL FAMILY.

1 ELIJAH B. KIMBALL came to Peterborough in 1816, and carried on the clothing business in company with Jefferson Butler, in Samuel Smith's fulling mill, standing on the spot where Brennan's large shop now stands. He afterwards removed to Dublin, and pursued the same business there for twelve years, and then returned to Peterborough, and purchased the place near the South Factory Village begun by George McCrillis, and afterwards owned by Dea. Thomas Wilson, where he now r. He m. Achsah Buss, May 6, 1819, dau. of Richard T. and Betsey Ballard Buss. She d. Jan. 24, 1869, æ. 72 yrs. He was b. in Weare, May 8, 1794.

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- 2 *Ann A.*, b. Sept. 21, 1820; d. Feb. 8, 1862, æ. 42 yrs.  
 3 *Imri B.*, b. April 3, 1822; r. Missouri.  
 4 *Jane B.*, b. Dublin, March 24, 1824; m., Dec. 3, 1846, Granville P. Felt.  
 5 *Elizabeth S.*, b. Dublin, April 27, 1825; d. June 29, 1861, æ. 36 yrs.  
 6 †*Henry A.*, b. May 24, 1827; m. Sarah B. Derby.  
 7 *Abby B.*, b. April 15, 1829; m., Nov. 13, 1851, George Bruce; d. Aug. 15, 1856, æ. 27 yrs.  
 8 *Mary Ellen*, b. Feb. 3, 1832; unm.  
 9 *Sarah M.*, b. Peterborough, July 6, 1834; m., June 1, 1854, George H. Longley.  
 10 *Carrie C.*, b. April 7, 1841; d. Nov. 25, 1872, æ. 31 yrs.

1- 6 HENRY A. KIMBALL. He is a clothier, and succeeded his father in business. He also cards wool. He m., Nov. 25, 1852, Sarah B. Derby, of Fitchburg, Mass., b. Sept. 18, 1832. His manufactory was destroyed by fire, 1873.

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- 11 *Richard H.*, b. Sept. 15, 1853.



- 12 *William H.*, b. June 18, 1855.  
 13 *Robert B.*, b. Oct. 31, 1857.  
 14 *Charles A.*, b. May 16, 1859.  
 15 *Edgar B.*, b. June 26, 1861.  
 16 *Frank W.*, b. March 1, 1865.  
 17 *Daniel C.*, b. March 19, 1867. A seventh son.
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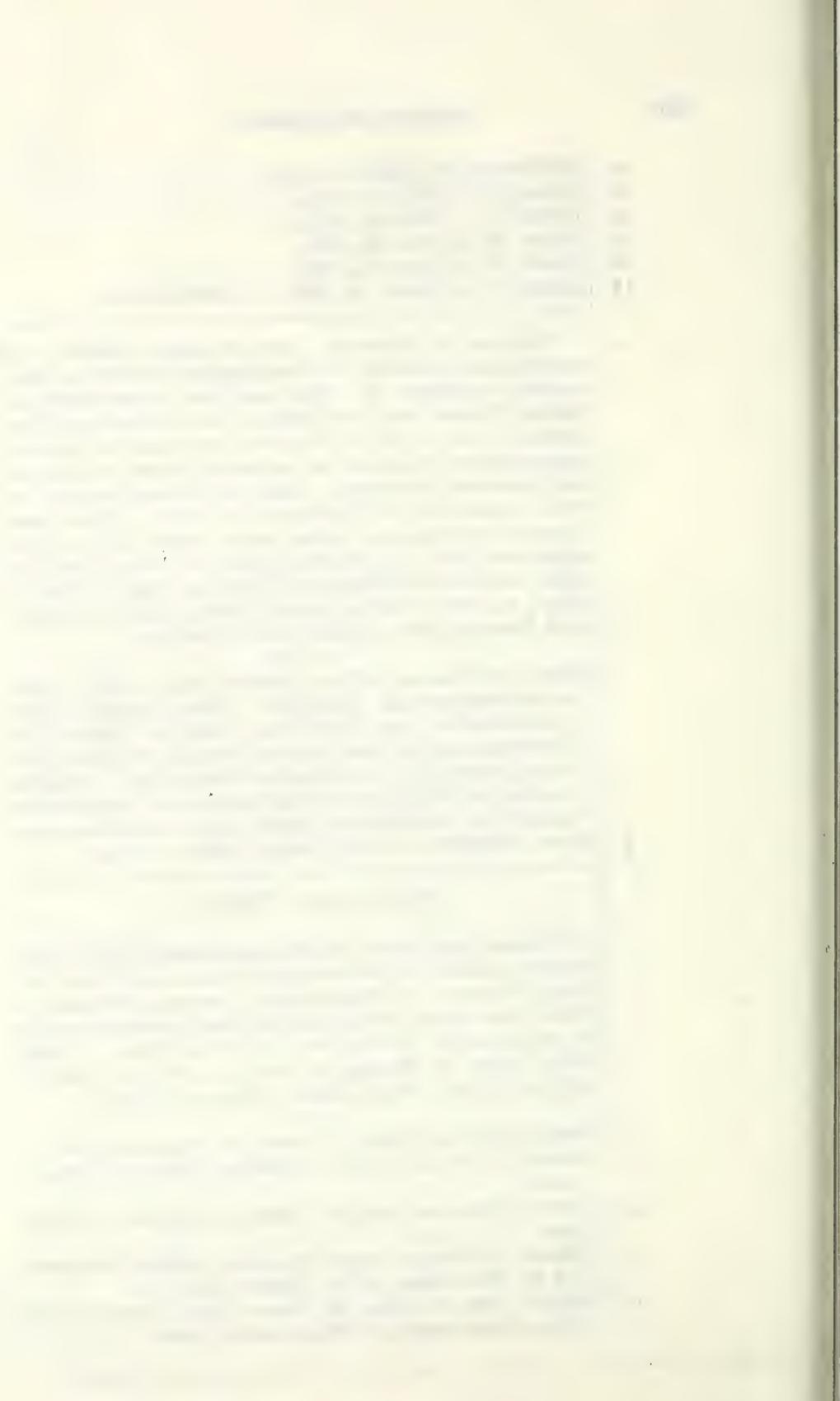
1 WILLIAM B. KIMBALL, son of Isaac Kimball and Sarah Cutter Kimball, of New Ipswich, b. May 24, 1801, at New Andover, Vt. He has lived successively at Jaffrey, Mason, and New Ipswich, and removed to Peterborough, Nov. 1, 1830. He is a mechanic, a superior pattern-maker, and also the author of many mechanical and patented inventions. Built his house, situated on Pine Street, in 1836, where he now r. Has been County Commissioner three years, from 1856 to '59. selectman 1852, '53; m. Mary Ann A. Pierce, Nov. 22, 1826, a native of Hillsboro, b. Sept. 29, 1803; d. Feb. 5, 1849; m., 2d w., Oct. 25, 1851, Louisa Goddard Oliver, b. at Swanzey, Feb. 4, 1806; 1st w., two ch.

- 2 *Mary Ann Thursa*, b. New Ipswich, Aug. 31, 1827. She is a homœopathic physician. Was educated to the profession at the New York Medical College for Women, and the New England Female Medical College, Boston (now the Boston University). Received degree of M. D. at this institution, and commenced practice in Peterborough, April, 1870, where she now r.  
 3 *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. New Ipswich, Sept. 17, 1830.
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#### THE LAWS FAMILY.

1 THOMAS LAWS was b. in Billerica, Mass., July 9, 1761. He first settled in Westminster, Mass., and, March 26, 1801, he moved to Peterborough, having purchased of Uriah Buss a farm situated on the East Mountain and on the east border of the town. He m., Sept. 4, 1787, Mary Locke, of Rindge, b. Nov. 2, 1761; d. Dec 21, 1838, æ. 77 yrs. He d. April 4, 1844, æ. 83 yrs.

- 2 *Amos*, b. Jan. 14, 1790; d. March 12, 1795, æ. 5 yrs.  
 3 *Samson*, b. Oct 22, 1791; d. Feb. 27, 1795, æ. 3 yrs., 4 mos.  
 4 *Amos*, b. June 14, 1795; d. Sept. 5, 1797, æ. 2 yrs., 2 mos.  
 5 †*Thomas*, b. May 11, 1797; m., 1st w., Abigail Atkinson; 2d w., Mrs. Bean; 3d w., Clarissa Melvin.  
 6 *Mary*, b. Jan. 19, 1799; m. James Child, Temple, 1827. The above were b. in Westminster, Mass.



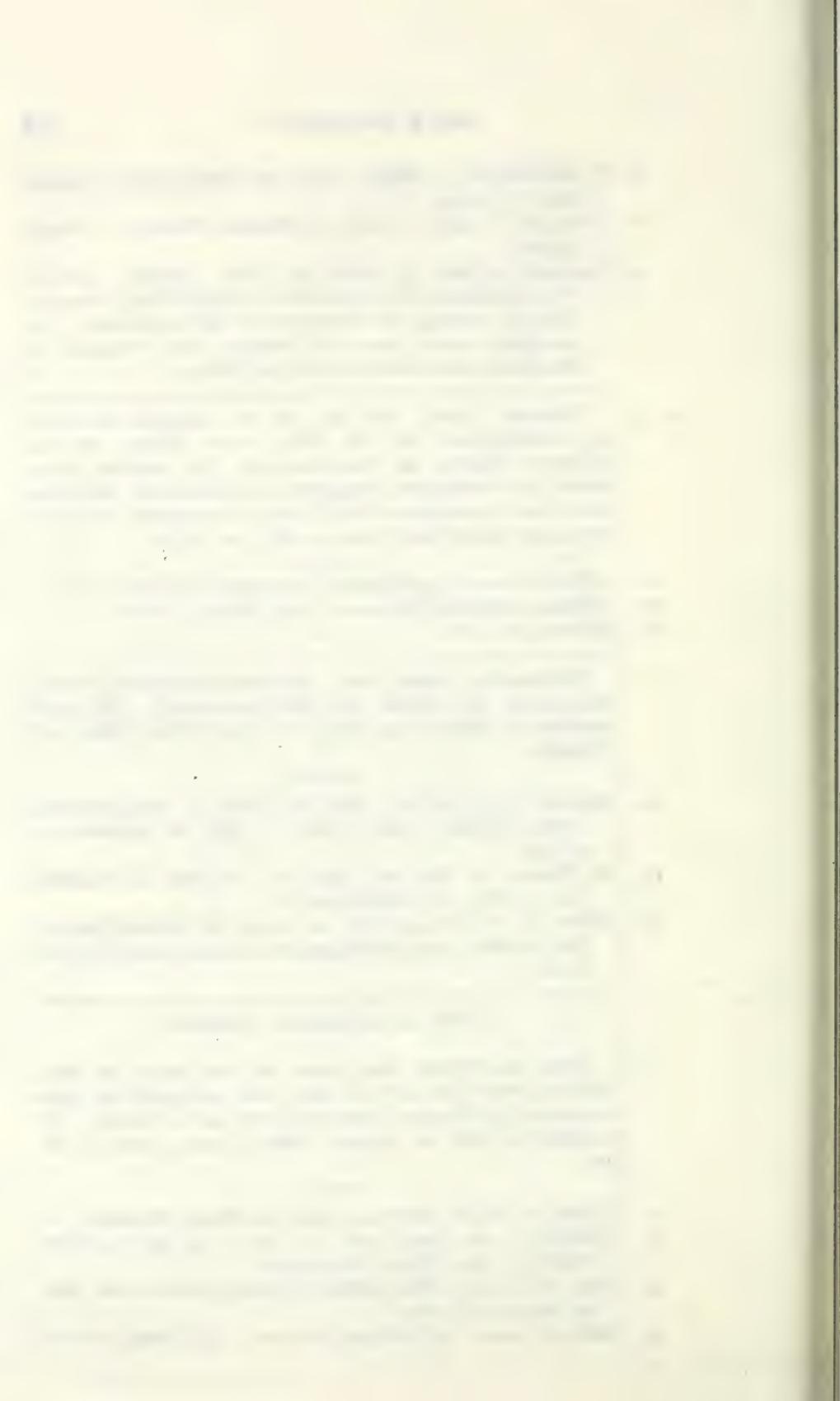
- 7 *Nathaniel F.*, b. May 1, 1801; m. Polly Child, Temple, May 17, 1825.  
 8 *Ebenezer*, b. May 1, 1803; m. Belinda Wooley; r. Washington.  
 9 *Solomon*, b. Nov. 13, 1806; m. Olive Johnson, Chester, Vt., a graduate of Dartmouth College, 1836. Studied divinity, joining the Universalist denomination. He preached some years at Temple, then removed to Marlboro, and more recently to Ohio.
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- 1- 5 THOMAS LAWS. He m., 1st w., Abigail Atkinson, of Washington; 2d w., Mrs. — Bean; 3d w., Clarissa Melvin, of Peterborough. He resided many years in Washington, engaged in mechanical business, but a few years before his death he returned to Peterborough, where he d. June 2, 1853, æ. 56 yrs.  
 10 *Alfred*, b. — ; graduated Dartmouth College, 1858.  
 11 *Thomas Marshall*, b. — . (12) *Mary*, b. — .  
 13 *Harriet*, b. — .
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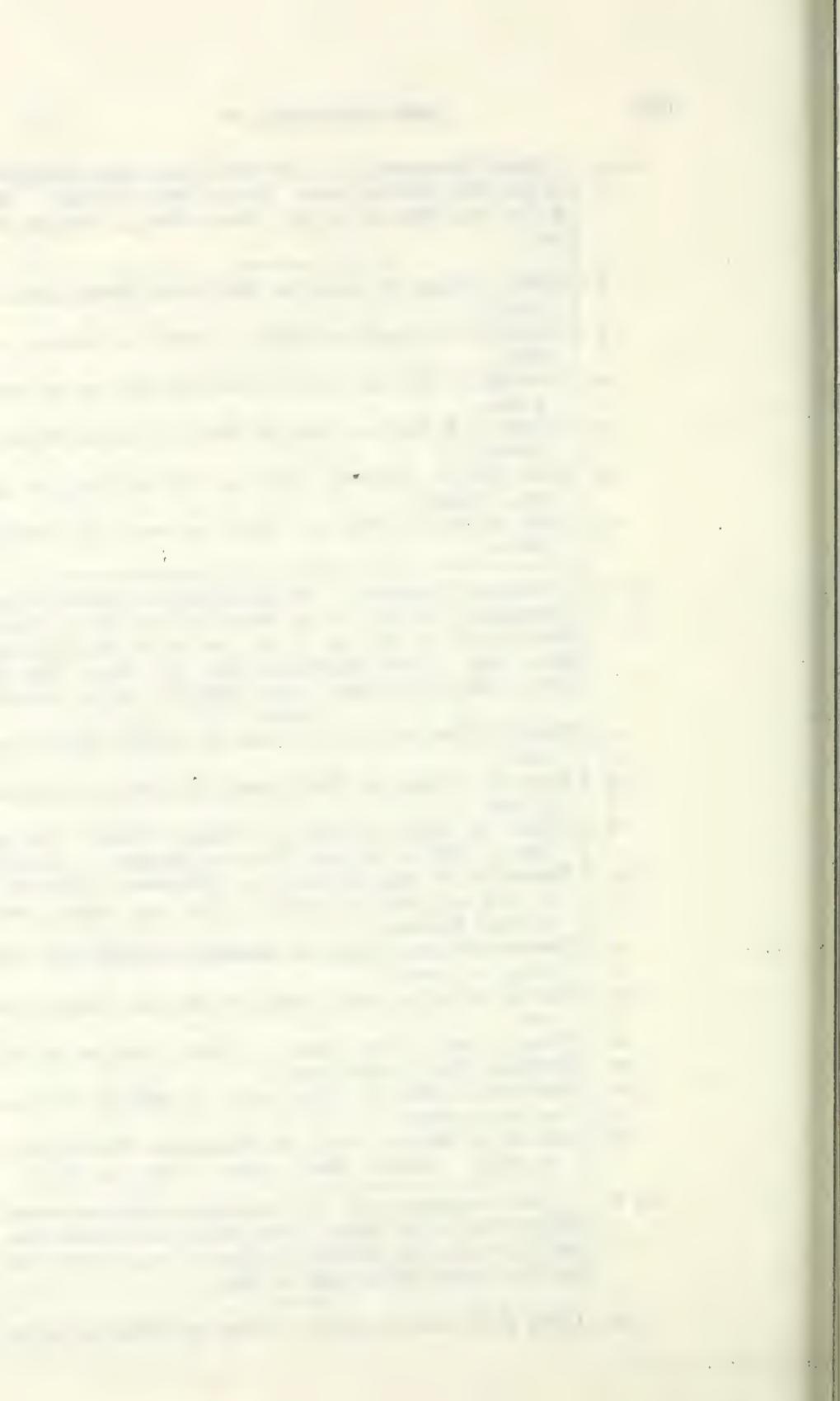
- 1- 7 NATHANIEL FORD LAWS. He always resided in town; succeeded his father on the homestead. He now resides in village; m., May 17, 1825, Polly Child, of Temple.  
 14 *Martha C.*, b. July 28, 1827; m., Nov. 5, 1846, Wm. C. Tuttle, Wilton. She d. Oct. 11, 1853, in Amherst, æ. 26 yrs.  
 15 *A. Frances*, b. May 16, 1832; m. William E. Dadman, Jan. 6, 1859; r. Peterborough.  
 16 *Albert D.*, b. Feb. 4, 1836; m. Sarah E. Robbe, Dublin, Jan. 7, 1863; re. to Bridgeport, Conn., where he now lives.
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#### THE LEATHERS FAMILY.

- 1 JOHN LEATHERS, Sen., came to town with his wife, Martha, from Lee, early in 1801, and occupied the farm known as the Nathan Leathers farm, and d. there. He d. April 13, 1805, æ. 52 yrs. She d. June 2, 1816, æ. 63 yrs.  
 2 *John*, b. in Lee, July 24, 1780; m. Emily Mitchell.  
 3 *Nathan*, b. in Lee, April 15, 1782; m., 1st w., Mary McCoy; 2d w., Mary Washburn.  
 4 *Isaac*, b. in Lee, 1789; killed by falling from a tree May 19, 1801, æ. 12 yrs.  
 5 *Sally*, b. — . (6) *Abigail*, b. — . (7) *Jane*, b. — .



- 1- 2 JOHN LEATHERS, Jr. He lived on the East Mountain, on the Wm. McCoy farm. He m. Emily Mitchell. He d. Dec. 22, 1860, æ. 80 yrs. She d. Dec. 3, 1858, æ. 80 yrs.
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- 8 †*John*, b. Sept. 26, 1810; m. Mrs. Susan Davis, Sept. 8, 1853.
- 9 *Oliver C.*, b. March 30, 1812; d. April 19, 1812, æ. 19 dys.
- 10 *Franklin*, b. May 23, 1813; d. Dec. 26, 1845, æ. 32 yrs., 7 mos.
- 11 *George R.*, b. May 10, 1815; d. Nov. 13, 1843, æ. 28 yrs.; Lowell.
- 12 *Mary Ann*, b. Dec. 25, 1817; d. Oct. 16, 1851, æ. 33 yrs., 10 mos.
- 13 *Isaac Milton*, b. Feb. 10, 1820; m. —; r. Lowell, Mass.
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- 1- 3 NATHAN LEATHERS. He succeeded his father on the homestead. He m., 1st w., Mary McCoy, Dec. 5, 1810. She d. April 17, 1827, æ. 37 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mary Washburn, dau. Calvin Washburn, Dec. 31, 1827. He d. Dec. 4, 1843, æ. 61 yrs.; 1st w., eight ch.; 2d w., two ch.
- 14 *Robert*, b. Dec. 30, 1811; d. Nov. 18, 1848, æ. 36 yrs., 10 mos.
- 15 *Mary B.*, b. Aug. 30, 1813; unm.; d. April 22, 1865, æ. 51 yrs.
- 16 *Nathan*, b. July 14, 1815; m. Eleanor Howe. She d. Dec. 9, 1861, æ. 46 yrs. One son, George; r. Lowell.
- 17 *Edward B.*, b. Aug. 24, 1817; m. Elizabeth Cudworth; d. Oct. 26, 1849, æ. 32 yrs. Two ch., Albert and Edward Newton.
- 18 *Samuel*, b. Sept. 2, 1819; m. Rosanna Goodell, Sept. 28, 1843; r. Lowell.
- 19 *Martha*, b. Oct. 9, 1821; unm.; d. May 18, 1844, æ. 22 yrs.
- 20 *Fane*, b. Dec. 9, 1823; unm.; d. April 5, 1863, æ. 39 yrs.
- 21 *Emily*, b. Oct. 6, 1825; unm.
- 22 *Calvin W.*, b. May 9, 1830; unm.; d. April 9, 1874, æ. 43 yrs., 11 mos.
- 23 *Isaac N.*, b. May 21, 1834; m. Hannah A. Foland, Nov. 14, 1855. One ch., Mary Addie, b. Aug. 30, 1857.
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- 2- 8 JOHN LEATHERS, 3d. He remained on the homestead. He enlisted in the United States service in the Rebellion, and d. in the army, March, 1865, æ. 54 yrs., 6 mos. He m. Mrs. Susan Davis, Sept. 8, 1853.
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- 24 *Clara F.*, b. June 27, 1855; d. Aug. 23, 1869, æ. 14 yrs.



25 | *John E.*, b. May 22, 1861.

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### THE LITTLE FAMILY.

1 THOMAS LITTLE. We are uncertain when he came to Peterborough, but think it must have been not far from 1764, after the birth of Thomas, Jr., who was b. in Lunenburg in 1763. He lived on a farm out east from the John Little farm. He m. Susanna Wallace, dau. of William and Elizabeth Wallace, who are both buried by her side in the old cemetery, and also her grandmother, Elizabeth Clayland, according to the gravestone there erected. He was b. 1726, and d. on a visit to Shirley, Mass., and was buried there, June 6, 1808, æ. 82 yrs. She d. March 6, 1822, æ. 88 yrs.

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2 *William*, b. in Shirley, Oct. 20, 1753. Was a physician. Studied medicine with Dr. Young. He was settled as a physician at Hillsboro, and was drowned in the Contoocook River. He had two ch., Dea. William Little, of Antrim, and a daughter unm.

3 *Betsey*, b. in Shirley, Nov. 19, 1756; m. William Blair, Dec. 2, 1787.

4 *Sally*, b. in Shirley, 1758; m. John Livingston; r. Walpole. Four ch.

5 *Joseph*, b. in Shirley, Jan. 22, 1761; re. East.

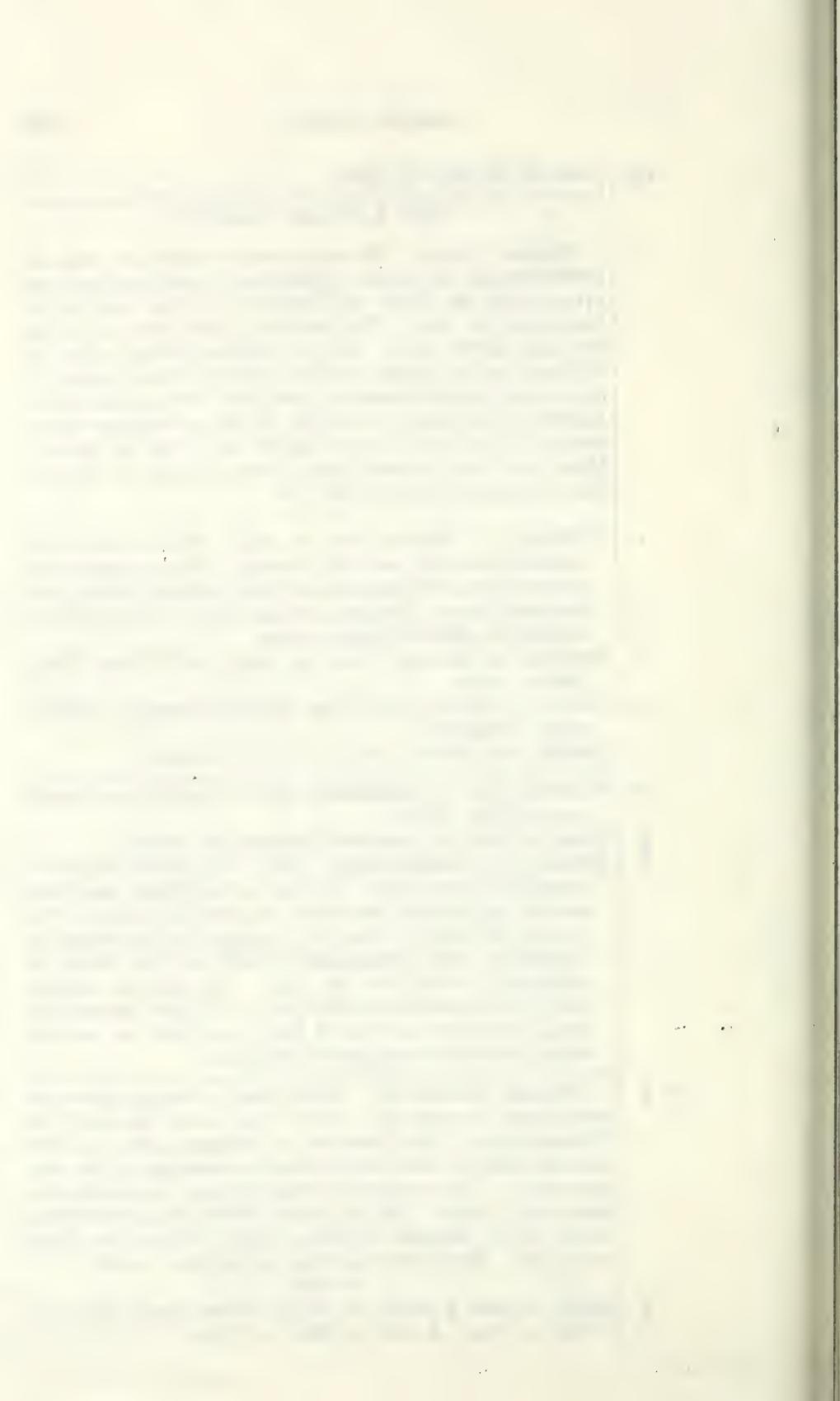
6 †*Thomas, Jr.*, b. Lunenburg, May 11, 1763; m., April, 1793, Relief White.

7 *John*, b. 1764; m. Lucinda Longley, of Shirley.

8 *Walter*, b. in Peterborough, 1766. A graduate of Dartmouth College, 1796. He was a clergyman, and was settled as the first minister in Antrim, in 1800; remained till 1804, when he changed his surname to Fullerton, and subsequently went to the State of Maryland, where he d. in 1815. He did not sustain his good character to the last, as I have learned of those who knew a little of him; but both he and his errors are now consigned to oblivion.

1- 6 THOMAS LITTLE, Jr. His father's family came to town from Lunenburg, about 1764, after the birth of Thomas, 1763. He (son) re. to Belmont, Me., and remained there a few years, where a number of his ch. were born. He returned to Peterborough, and spent his last days in town. He m. Relief White, of Leominster, April, 1793; she was b. July 4, 1776; d. Sept. 21, 1839, æ. 63 yrs. He d. Oct. 19, 1847, æ. 84 yrs., 7 mos.

9 *Relief*, b. Dec. 3, 1800; m., 1858, Oliver Heald, Esq.; b. Oct. 1, 1790; d. Oct. 5, 1867, æ. 77 yrs.



- 10 *Betsey*, b. Belmont, May 10, 1803; m. Alvah Ames, May 21, 1828; d. March 27, 1872, æ. 68 yrs.
- 11 *Jane*, b. Belmont, April 3, 1804; m., March 30, 1826, Willard Youngman. He d. Nov. 29, 1833, æ. 29. She m., 2d hus., Benj. Read, Newport, November, 1834; she d. Feb. 12, 1866, æ. 61 yrs.
- 12 *Harriet*, b. Belmont, April 14, 1806; d. Dec. 10, 1833, æ. 28 yrs.
- 13 †*Thomas*, 3d, b. Sept. 22, 1808; m., Sept. 3, 1832, Lucretia Munson; 2d w., Mary W. Leathers.
- 14 *Mary*, b. Sept. 14, 1810; m., Jan. 3, 1834, Frederick Loring; r. Carthage, Ill.; d. February, 1848, æ. 38 yrs.
- 15 *John Wallace*, b. Feb. 28, 1812; m., Oct. 26, 1837, Clarissa Parker. He d. Sept. 23, 1867, æ. 55 yrs.
- 16 *Fesse C.*, b. Sept. 26, 1815; m., Sept. 29, 1840, Eliza G. French, dau. of Whitcomb French; re., 1852, to Salt Lake City. He is a professed Mormon, and has a number of additional wives. He has held important offices in this community, and is now one of the leading men.

1- 7 **JOHN LITTLE.** He lived on the old homestead till he built a new house on the Street Road, about 1804 (which was burnt the winter of 1876), where he lived till his death. He m., in 1809, Lucinda Longley, of Shirley. He d. Sept. 19, 1850, æ. 85 yrs. She d. Sept. 13, 1850, æ. 66 yrs.

- 17 †*John, Jr.*, b. Aug. 7, 1810; m. Mary Hunt.
- 18 †*Joshua L.*, b. Sept. 8, 1812; m. Dorothy Carter.
- 19 *Lucinda*, b. Sept. 16, 1814; m. Ezra Peavey, April 14, 1836; she d. March 12, 1847, æ. 32 yrs., 5 mos.; ch., (1) John, b. Dec. 12, 1837; (2) Henry, b. August, 1839; (3) Wallace, b. 1841.

6- 13 **THOMAS LITTLE**, 3d, resided many years in Munsonville, engaged in the cotton manufacture, when he returned to Peterborough, and has here been engaged many years in agricultural pursuits. Selectman, 1856, '64, '65; also overseer of the poor, 1869, '70. He is a trustee in the Peterborough Savings Bank, and director in the First Peterborough National Bank; m., 1st w., Lucretia Munson; she d. Nov. 2, 1874, æ. 68 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mrs. Mary W. Leathers, East Jaffrey, Dec. 5, 1875.

- 20 *Louisa W.*, b. Aug. 19, 1833; d. March 20, 1834, æ. 7 mos.
- 21 *Thomas F.*, b. May 29, 1835; m., Feb. 20, 1834, Louisa A. Stearns, Greenfield.



22 | *Louisa W.*, b. Aug. 14, 1837; m., April 1, 1858, Lieut. Timothy K. Ames, 2d, 1st Lieut., Co. K, 6th Reg. N. H. Vols. He was killed in the second Bull Run battle, Aug. 29, 1862, æ. 33 yrs.; 2d hus., — Peaslee, 1875.

7- 17 JOHN LITTLE, Jr. He m. Mary R. Hunt, Dec. 1, 1837. Was Colonel of the 22d Reg. N. H. Militia. He now lives on the Eli Hunt place.

23 | *Mary Lucinda*, b. Oct. 19, 1838; d. Aug. 10, 1865, æ. 26 yrs., 9 mos.

24 | *Ann Maria*, b. Jan. 30, 1840; d. July 1, 1869, æ. 29 yrs., 6 mos.

25 | *Lydia Carloener*, b. Nov. 28, 1841; d. Nov. 28, 1862, æ. 21 yrs.

26 | *Lucretia Jane*, b. Aug. 22, 1846; d. June 3, 1849, æ. 2 yrs., 9 mos.

27 | *John*, b. May 21, 1848; d. April 13, 1866, æ. 18 yrs.

28 | *Carrie Wallace*, b. March 7, 1851; died Aug. 8, 1865, æ. 14 yrs., 5 mos.

All the above d. of consumption, but Lucretia Jane.

7- 18 JOSHUA L. LITTLE m. Dorothy Carter, April 27, 1837. She was b. in Leominster, Mass., Jan. 30, 1814. He d. at West Wilton, Sept. 8, 1846, æ. 34 yrs. He was a tanner, and built a large tannery near his father's residence, and carried on the business a number of years before his death.\*

29 | † *John L.*, b. March 3, 1838; m. Ann Lakin, Aug. 6, 1862.

30 | † *Charles C.*, b. May 12, 1843; m. Mary W. Lakin, Oct. 18, 1860.

18- 29 JOHN L. LITTLE. He m. Ann Lakin, Aug. 6, 1862. He has resided in Hancock; re. to California.

31 | *William L.*, b. in Hancock, March 19, 1864.

18- 30 CHARLES C. LITTLE. He m. Mary W. Lakin, Oct. 18, 1860; r. Hancock.

32 | *Minnie M.*, b. in Hancock, March 21, 1861; d. July 25, 1861, æ. 4 mos.

33 | *Annie M.*, b. April 14, 1864.

34 | *Ellen D.*, b. Oct. 26, 1867.

#### THE LIVINGSTON FAMILY.

I FREDERICK LIVINGSTON is the son of William and Elizabeth Saunders Livingston, and was b. in Town-

\* Mrs. Dorothy Little m. Joshua Foster, Hancock, Oct. 10, 1851; one ch., Elwyn C., b. in Hancock, Oct. 23, 1852. Joshua Foster d. March 18, 1867.

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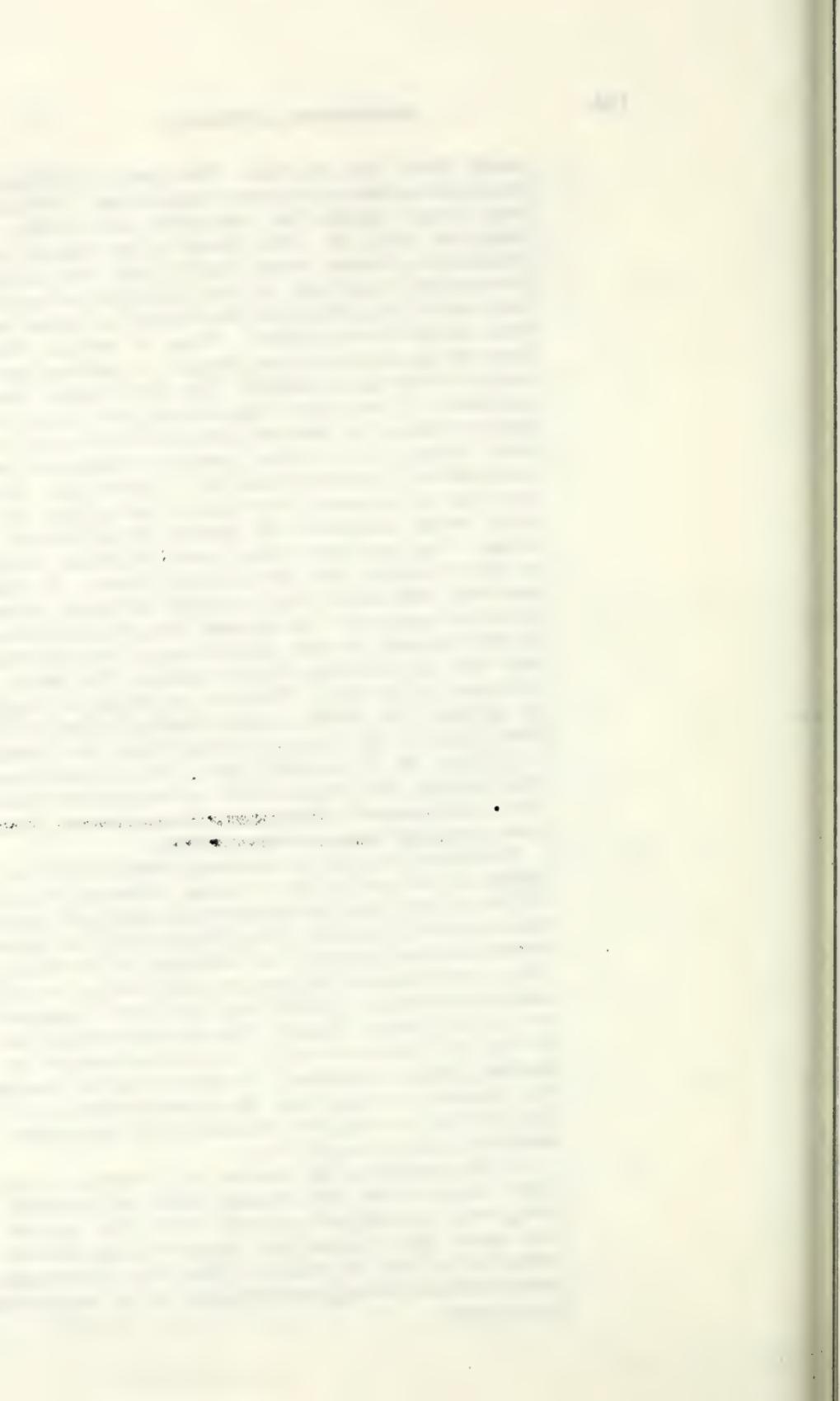
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send, Mass., Oct. 23, 1801. He came to Sharon with his parents when he was three years of age. His parents were honest people, but very poor, and unable to do much for their ch. They lived in an obscure neighborhood in Sharon, where the ch. had little advantage of schooling; were also far from the short schools they had, and often lacked suitable clothing to appear among their companions at school. Even as early as thirteen years of age he started out himself to seek employment, and to better his condition. He first entered the employment of Benjamin Chamberlain, who then owned and carried on the saw and grist mill at the South Factory Village, and he was principally employed in the same while he remained with Mr. Chamberlain. During this time he attended four winter schools, from 1813 to 1817, which comprises the amount of his school privileges. He then apprenticed himself to Zadoc Chapman to learn the brick and stone mason trade. He continued with him seven years, working for wages after the trade was acquired. He attained the greatest perfection in this business, so that he was sought for and trusted with the best business in his calling. His motto was always to do his best. While a mason he was engaged in erecting the Water Loom Factory, High Bridge, New Ipswich; the Phœnix, in this town; the Cheshire, in Jaffrey; the Union Mill, No. 1, West Peterborough; also in laying the brick in that nice work, the front of the Congregational (Unitarian) Meeting-house; besides many dwelling-houses in this vicinity.

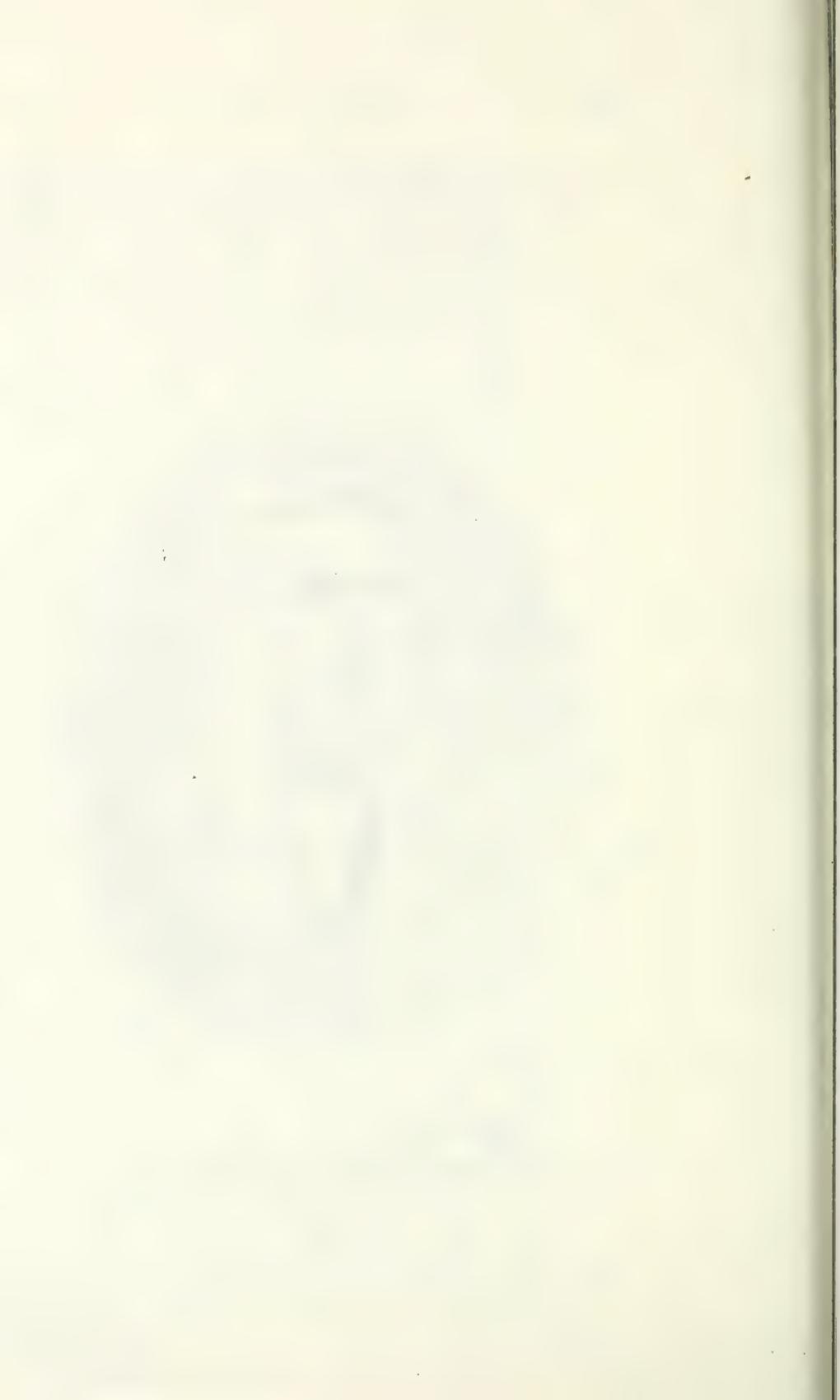
He began his career as a manufacturer in 1826, at the urgent request and by the personal influence of Gov. J. H. Steele, who gave him employment and good opportunities in the Union Mill, West Peterborough, of learning the art of manufacturing. He continued in his employ till 1834, when he took charge of the Bell Factory, so called, and the subsequent year he was appointed superintendent of the Phœnix Factory. He relinquished the charge of the Bell Factory in 1835, and was succeeded by his brother, Jonas Livingston. In addition to the charge of the Phœnix, he also took the superintendence of the Union Mills, in 1845, and retained it till 1857, after the erection of the new mill, No. 2.

On the removal of his brother to Claremont, he again took charge of the Bell Factory, which he retained till 1865, when he resigned and sold out all his interest in the same. He resigned the charge of the Phœnix in 1860, and in 1865 he entirely retired from the manufacturing business, having been engaged in the same nearly forty years.





F. Livingston



Mr. Livingston has been connected with both of the banks in town, the First National Bank of Peterborough and the Peterborough Savings Bank, from their commencement. He has been a director in the first mentioned bank from its beginning, and president since 1865, which office he now holds. He is also a trustee in the Savings Bank. He has been an entirely self-educated and self-made man. He acquired such a competent knowledge of mechanics, by his own efforts, as to be ready for any of the complicated calculations required in the building of machinery of various kinds employed in town. We have often heard Mr. Livingston modestly and gratefully acknowledge his obligation to three men in particular who had much to do, by their advice and encouragement, in promoting his success in life, *viz.*, Charles Barrett, Esq., New Ipswich; Hon. Samuel Smith, and Gov. John H. Steele, of Peterborough. To the aid and counsel of these men, just as he was starting out in life, he ascribes, in a great degree, his present standing in society, both as to respectability and property. He m., May 14, 1832, Lucy Law, of Sharon, b. April 12, 1806.

2    †*George F.*, b. Oct. 30, 1834; m., May 20, 1858, Elizabeth R. Holmes.

3    *Ariana C.*, b. June 1, 1837; d. Oct. 30, 1838, æ. 1 yr., 5 mos.

4    †*William G.*, b. Feb. 26, 1840; m., May 26, 1863, Ellen J. Cummings.

5    *Mary Ella*, b. June 30, 1848; m., Jan. 2, 1871, Harry H. Templeton, b. Oct. 8, 1845.

I- 2    **GEORGE F. LIVINGSTON.** He m., May 20, 1858, Elizabeth R. Holmes, dau. Abraham and Mary Dickey Holmes; she d. Nov. 1, 1875, æ. 45 yrs.

6    *Helen*, b. March 19, 1859.

7    *Frank W.*, b. Jan. 10, 1861.

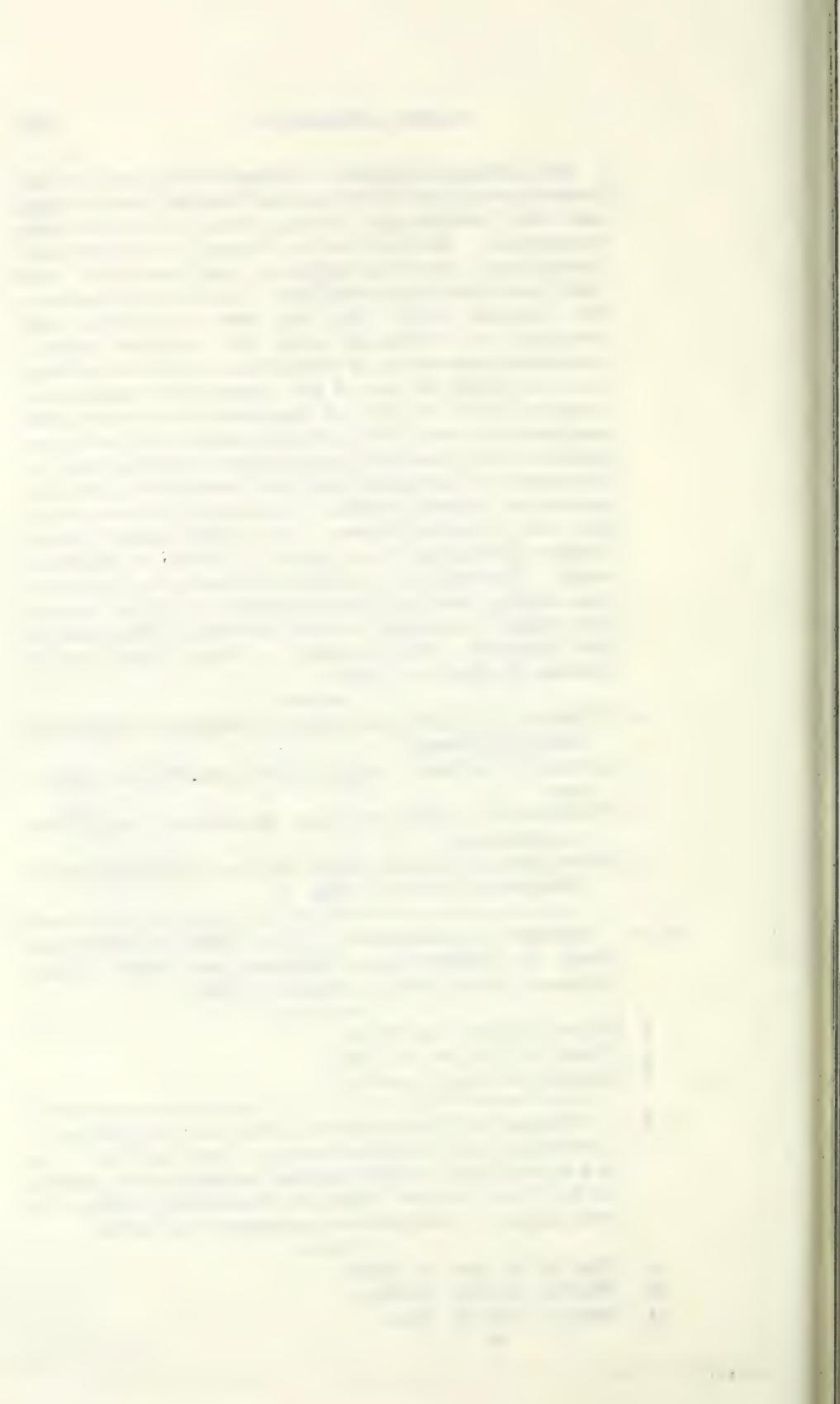
8    *Lucy A.*, b. Aug. 13, 1865.

I- 4    **WILLIAM G. LIVINGSTON** m., May 26, 1863, Ellen J. Cummings, dau. John Cummings, b. Sept. 6, 1841. He is a trader in the village, and was for some years cashier of the First National Bank in Peterborough, which he was obliged to relinquish on account of his health.

9    *Fred. G.*, b. Aug. 17, 1867.

10    *Wait L.*, b. Sept. 9, 1870.

11    *Alice*, b. July 18, 1874.

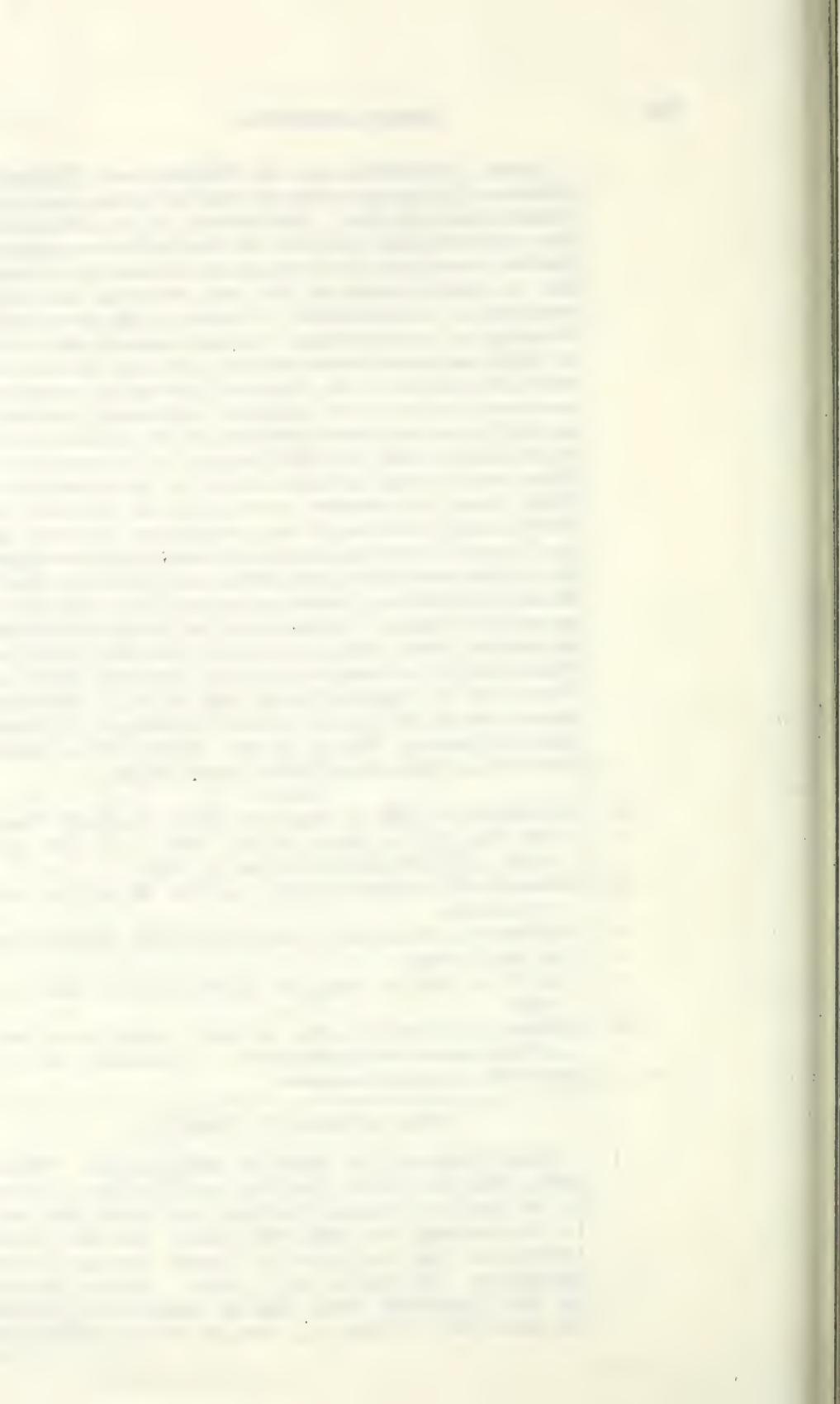


JONAS LIVINGSTON, son of William and Elizabeth Saunders Livingston, and brother of the above, was b. in Sharon, Dec. 13, 1806. He incurred all the difficulties that attended the early life of his brother—poverty, limited advantages of education and all social privileges. He was early thrown on his own resources, and surmounted all these obstacles to success by his strong will, industry, and perseverance. He also acquired the trade of brick and stone mason early in life, and became an excellent workman. He, however, gave up the business, and went into the cotton mills in Peterborough, and was in 1838 appointed superintendent of the first Peterborough cotton factory (or Bell Factory). He removed to Claremont in 1845, and took charge of the Monadnock Mills there for nineteen years, when he returned to Peterborough, and bought out a majority of the stock in the Phoenix Factory, which he now controls and manages. He is also president of the Monadnock Railroad, which he did more than any other man to establish. He represented the town of Claremont in the Legislature when he resided there, and has served, since his return to Peterborough, as Senator for the 8th Senatorial District. He m., 1st w., Angelina Morse, Aug. 27, 1832. She was the mother of all his ch.; b. April 30, 1808; d. in Peterborough, June 15, 1867, æ. 59 yrs. He m., 2d w., Susan Robbe, dau. Samuel and Betsey Scott Robbe.

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- 12 *Sherman E.*, b. July 7, 1833; m. Zilpha Keith, of Pomfret, Vt., July 11, 1854; ch., (1) Loyd L., b. Oct. 31, 1858; (2) Northman C., b. Jan. 2, 1862.
- 13 *Chancellor G.*, b. Oct. 11, 1835; d. Feb. 26, 1857, æ. 21 yrs., 4 mos.
- 14 *Northman C.*, b. April 23, 1839; d. April 18, 1860, æ. 20 yrs., 11 mos.
- 15 *Viola F.*, b. May 30, 1844; m. Elbert O. Stone, May 11, 1871.
- 16 *Alfonso F.*, b. April 12, 1850; d. April 12, 1867, æ. 17 yrs.  
All the above deaths occurred at Claremont; the remains were removed to town.
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#### THE LONGLEY FAMILY.

- 1 JACOB LONGLEY is a native of Shirley, Mass. When quite young he went to Stoddard and lived many years in the family of Samuel Morrison, and when they re. to Peterborough he came with them. He has since resided in town, and devoted himself successfully to agriculture. He was b. July 1, 1801. He m., March 10, 1831, Hepzibeth Ames, dau. of Timothy and Sarah K. Ames; she d. Sept. 13, 1871, æ. 68 yrs. He is a



justice of the peace. He lives on the David Robbe place, near the old Johnny Morrison farm, now abandoned.

2      †*George H.*, b. April 4, 1832; m. Sarah M. Kimball.

3      †*William Hiram*, b. June 7, 1834; m. Mary White.

4      †*Timothy M.*, b. May 9, 1837; m. Emma Converse.

5      †*Stillman P.*, b. April 8, 1841; m. Sarah S. Converse.

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1- 2     GEORGE H. LONGLEY. He lives near Briggs' manufactory of piano-stools. He is engaged in the baking business. He m. Sarah M. Kimball, June 1, 1854.

6      *George Wason*, b. March 23, 1855.

7      *Fred Kimball*, b. Aug. 31, 1856.

8      *Jacob W.*, b. Feb. 13, 1862.

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1- 3     WILLIAM H. LONGLEY has generally been engaged in the butchering business in town. He m. Mary White, dau. James G. and Sarah Gibbs White, Dec. 11, 1856.

9      *Frank White*, b. May 20, 1858; d. Sept. 29, 1858, æ. 4 mos.

10     *William H. C.*, b. Sept. 20, 1862.

11     *Samuel P.*, b. Oct. 20, 1864.

12     *Henry C.*, b. June 20, 1867.

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1- 4     TIMOTHY MORRISON LONGLEY. He m. Emma Converse, dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth T. Converse, Feb. 28, 1860; r. Royalston, Mass.

13     *Edith*, b. Jan. 6, 1861. (14) *Arthur*, b. Aug. 20, 1863.

15     *Maurice*, b. April 9, 1865.

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1- 5     STILLMAN PARKER LONGLEY. He lives in the village. He m. Sarah S. Converse, 1867.

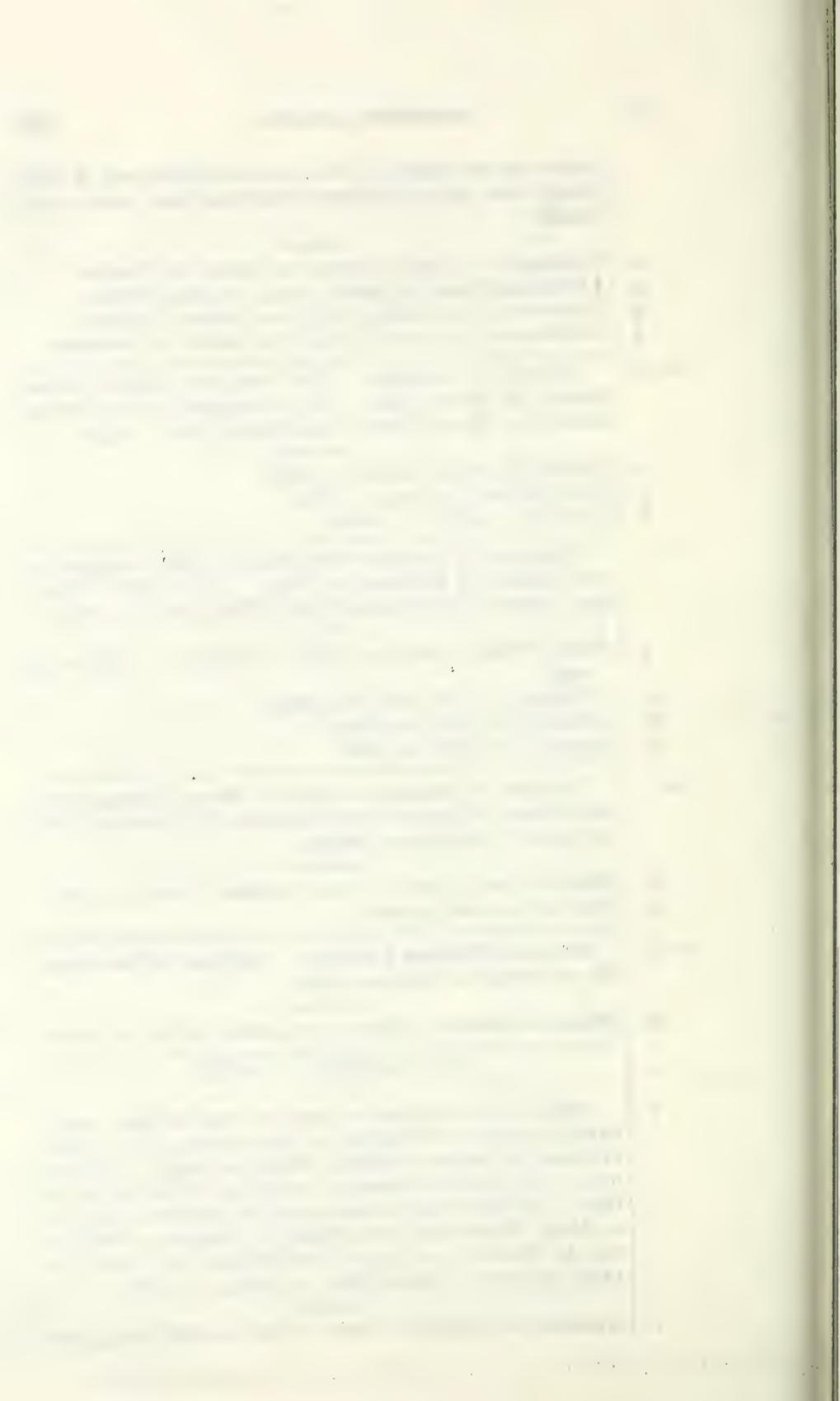
16     *Frank*, b. March 13, 1869. (17) *Albert*, b. Oct. 12, 1871.

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#### THE LORING FAMILY.

1     JONAS LORING came to town in 1798 or '99; was a hatter by trade, and carried on the business many years at Carter's Corner, so called, where he lived. He built here a large brick house, in which he r. till he re. to Ohio. He left town about 1838 for Medina, O. He m. Mary White, dau. John White, Jr., Aug. 11, 1801. He was b. March 17, 1775; d. at Medina, O., March 16, 1856, æ. 81 yrs. She d. Nov. 15, 1852, æ. 74 yrs.

2     *Amarette*, b. March 26, 1802; d. July 4, 1837, æ. 35 yrs.



- 3 *Lorenzo*, b. Jan. 2, 1804; d., New Orleans, June 10, 1835, æ. 31 yrs., 5 mos.  
 4 *John*, b. July 21, 1805; m. Mary Merrit, of Pennfield, N. Y.; r. Michigan.  
 5 *Ashley*, b. April 21, 1807; m., June 29, 1821, Elizabeth Wheelock; d. in Ohio, Jan. 28, 1849, æ. 41 yrs., 9 mos.  
 6 *Frederick*, b. Feb. 12, 1809; m., Jan. 3, 1834, Mary Little; she d. February, 1848, æ. 38 yrs.; r. Carthage, Ill.  
 7 *Sally*, b. Sept. 6, 1811; m., Oct. 5, 1820, Jefferson Nay; r. Ohio.  
 8 *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 21, 1815; m., 1839, John Lozedder; d., 1847, in Illinois.  
 9 *Mary*, b. Aug. 14, 1819; m., Sept. 11, 1845, Chester T. Hills; r. Medina, O.
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## THE McALISTER FAMILY.

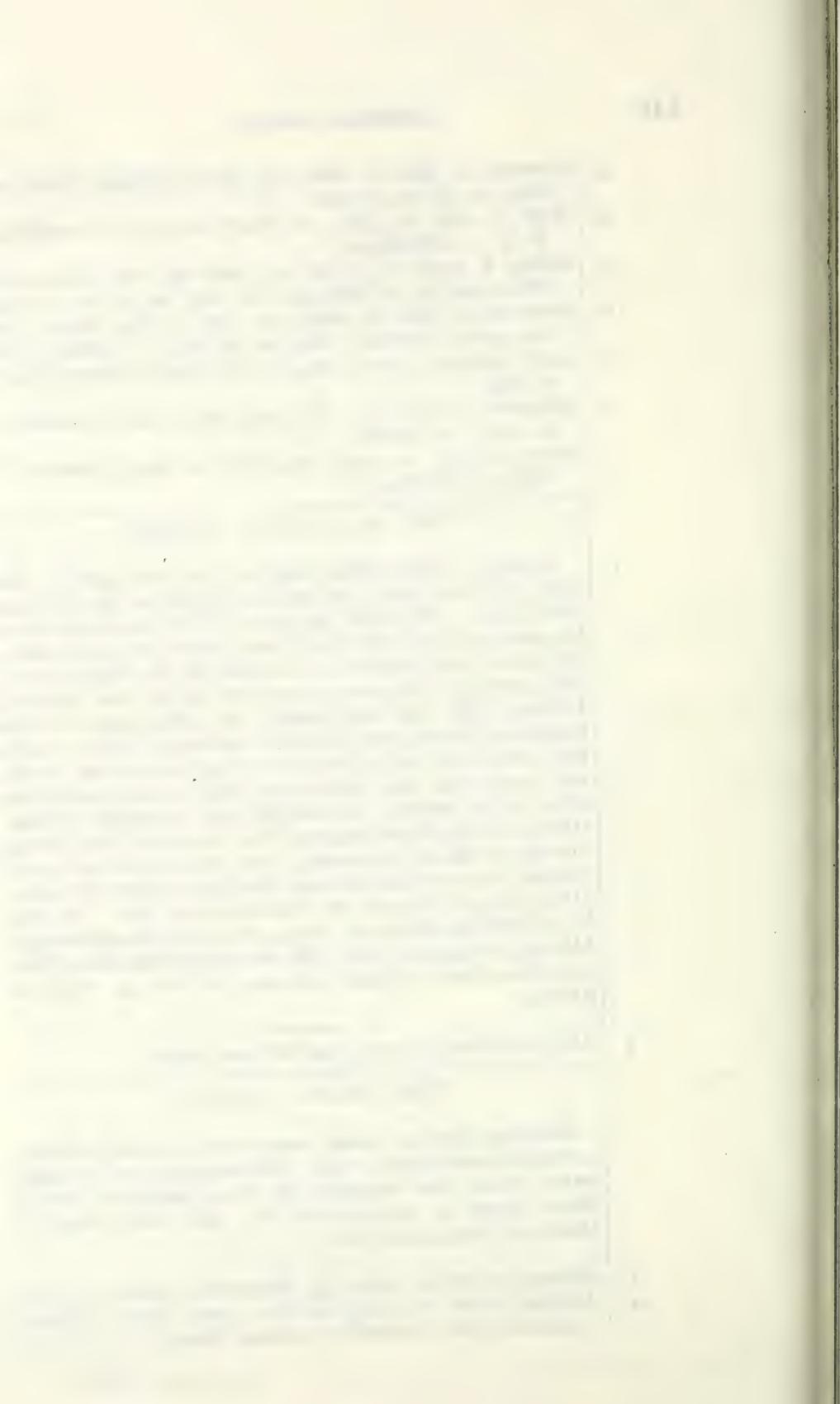
- 1 RANDALL McALISTER lived in the east part of the town, on land north and embracing part of the William Field farm. We have no means of determining when he came to town, only that it was before the Revolution. He came from Scotland as a soldier in the British army, and deserted at Boston a short time before the battle of Bunker Hill. He was among the Americans in this memorable battle, and was badly wounded in the mouth and side of the neck, the ball having entered the mouth and come out, one half in the back of the neck, the other in the mouth. A comrade, who knew the circumstances of his desertion, and the danger of his falling into the hands of the enemy, took him on his back and carried him over Charlestown Neck to a place of safety. He served all through the Revolutionary war. He was b. in Scotland, Sept. 21, 1744, and d. in Peterborough, May 23, 1819, æ. 75 yrs. He m. Mary Blair, dau. William Blair, Sen., b. March 4, 1749; d. Oct. 14, 1833, æ. 84 yrs.

- 2 *Mary*, b. Nov. 26, 1785; m. William Field.
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## THE McCOY FAMILY.

- 1 WILLIAM McCOY must have been an early settler, probably about 1752 or '53. He began the place afterwards owned and occupied by John Leathers. He d. there March 4, 1794, æ. 67 yrs. His wife, Mary, d. March 22, 1791, æ. 62 yrs.

- 2 *Andrew*, b. July 2, 1753. (3) *Elizabeth*, b. May 13, 1755.  
 4 *Martha*, b. Oct. 10, 1757; m. Dr. Gale, Dracut, Mass.; 2d hus., Col. Varnum; r. Dracut, Mass.



- 5 *Mary*, b. Aug. 10, 1759; unm.; d. Dec. 27, 1839, æ. 81 yrs.  
 6 †*Charles*, b. Feb. 17, 1761; m. Jane Templeton.  
 7 *Sarah*, b. 1762; unm.; d. June 29, 1834, æ. 72 yrs.  
 8 *Samuel*, b. 1767; unm.; d. June 29, 1801; killed by a horse.  
 9 *William*, b. 1768; unm.; d. April 13, 1834, æ. 66 yrs.; insane.
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1- 6 CHARLES MCCOY. He lived on a farm adjoining his father's, which was afterwards occupied by his son, William McCoy. He m. Jane Templeton, dau. James Templeton. She d. Aug. 20, 1849, æ. 83 yrs. He d. Feb. 10, 1828, æ. 67 yrs. In the Revolution he served in Rhode Island, 1778, in Col. Enoch Hale's Reg. He also went to Bennington in 1777.

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- 10 *Mary*, b. 1790; m. Nathan Leathers.  
 11 *Jane*, b. 1791; unm.; d. Aug. 5, 1863, æ. 72 yrs.  
 12 *Martha*, b. 1794; m. Parker Varnum.  
 13 †*Samuel*, b. Sept. 11, 1797; m. Elizabeth Bailey.  
 14 *Sally*, b. 1799; unm.; d. June 25, 1861, æ. 62 yrs.  
 15 †*William*, b. June 2, 1802; m. Mrs. Carrie Cudworth.  
 16 *James*, b. 1808; unm.; d. Nov. 3, 1875, æ. 67 yrs.  
 17 *Susan*, b. 1810; m. Joseph True; d. June 20, 1845, æ. 35 yrs.
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6- 13 SAMUEL MCCOY. He settled on a farm directly north of his father's farm. He was a farmer. He m. Elizabeth Bailey. He d. Sept. 4, 1871, æ. 75 yrs.

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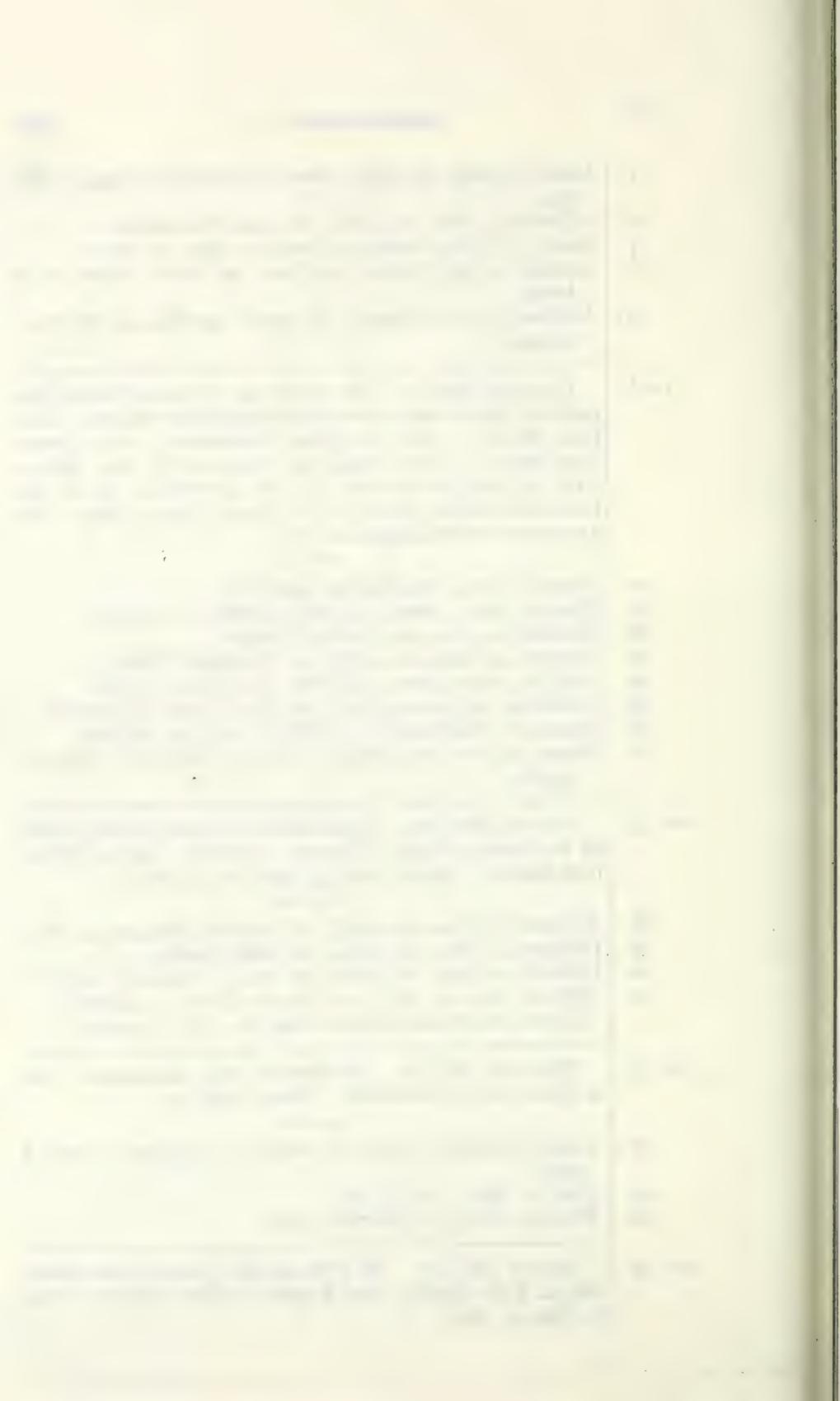
- 18 *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 16, 1823; d. May 28, 1864, æ. 41 yrs.  
 19 †*Hiram*, b. Nov. 16, 1825; m. Ruth Smiley.  
 20 †*Charles*, b. Sept. 28, 1827; m. M. C. Hildreth, Lowell.  
 21 *John*, b. Sept. 1, 1835; m. Harriet Davis; r. Lowell.  
 Then follow the births of four ch.; all d. young.
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6- 15 WILLIAM MCCOY. He lived on the homestead. He m. Mrs. Carrie Cudworth. He d. May —.

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- 22 *Albert*, b. April 1, 1849; d. Aug. 25, 1854, æ. 5 yrs., 4 mos.  
 23 *Jane*, b. May 1, 1854; d.  
 24 *William Henry*, b. March 2, 1859.
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13- 19 HIRAM MCCOY. He lives on the James Howe place. He m. Ruth Smiley, dau. Francis Smiley, April 7, 1864; b. Dec. 4, 1823.



25      *Willie H.*, b. Sept. 9, 1865.  
 26      *Perley S.*, b. March 6, 1868.

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13- 20     CHARLES McCOV. He is a moulder by trade; r. Lowell; m. M. C. Hildreth, of Lowell, April 30, 1853.

27      *Charles*, b. Peterborough, 1853; d. at Lowell, 1854.  
 28      *Franklin*, b. Nov. 20, 1855.  
 29      *George*, b. Oct. 20, 1859; d. November, 1874, æ. 15 yrs.  
 30      *Alvin*, b. Sept. 4, 1861. (31) *Edward C.*, b. March 4, 1863.  
 32      *Mary C.*, b. Sept. 4, 1866.

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### THE McCLOUD FAMILY.

1      THOMAS McCLOUD m. Elizabeth —. We know little of this family, only that such a family lived in town, and the following record was entered on the town books.

2      *Charles*, b. Sept. 2, 1769. (3) *Margaret*, b. May 9, 1772.  
 4      *Thomas*, b. April 25, 1775. (5) *William*, b. Nov. 29, 1776.  
 6      *Elizabeth*, b. June 1, 1779. (7) *Esther*, b. Feb. 7, 1781.  
 8      *Polly*, b. June 23, 1783. (9) *John*, b. July 29, 1785.

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### THE McCLOURGE FAMILY.

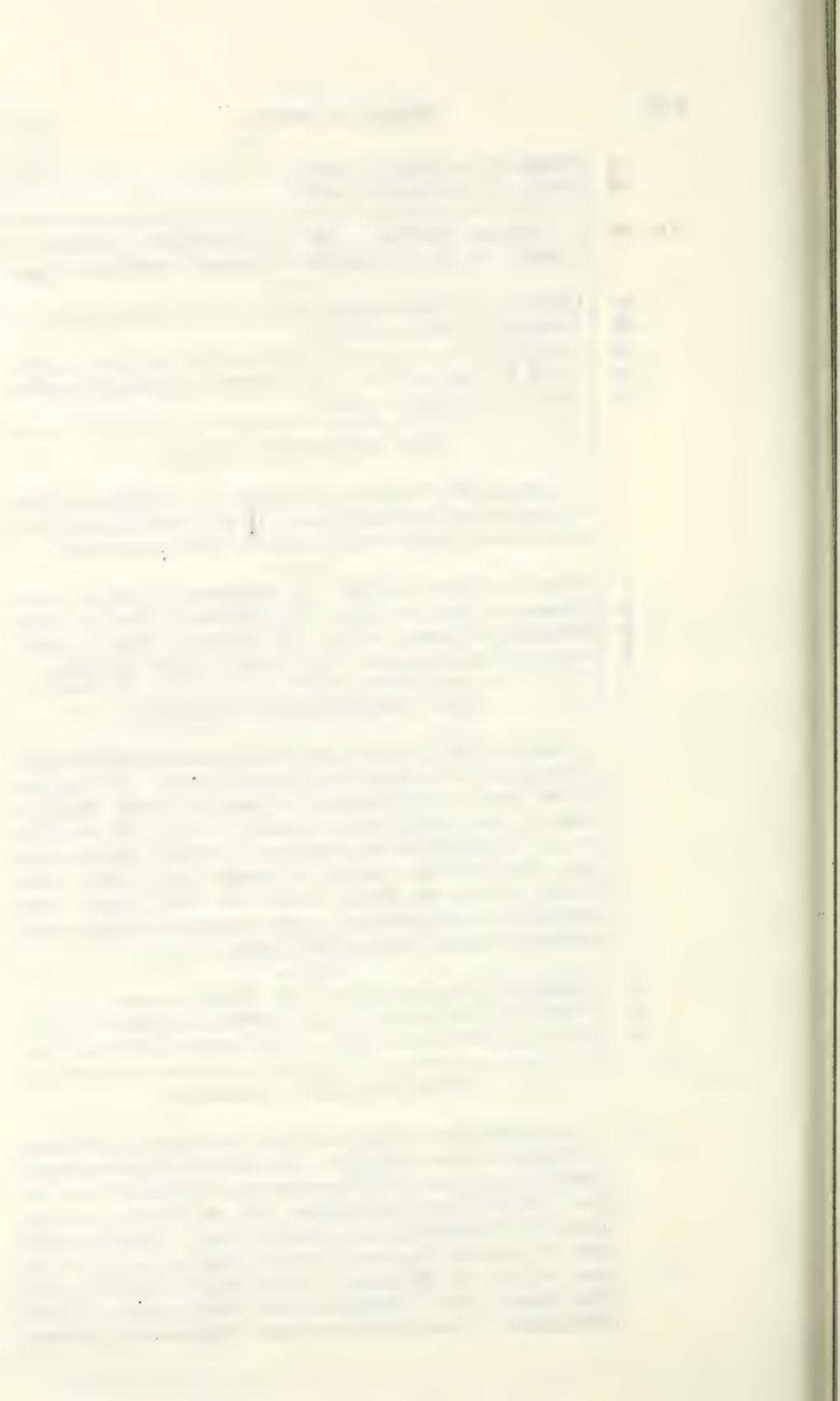
1      GEORGE MCCLOURGE, son of Charles and Esther McClogue, b. in Londonderry, May 18, 1728. He was one of the family with Robert, b. Aug. 18, 1726, Mary, b. June 5, 1730, and John, b. Sept. 5, 1734. He m. Ann —. In regard to his residence in town we know nothing. We find the names of George and Robert McCloud, which we think should be McClogue, were enlisted in the Revolution, 1776, to serve five mos. each, probably sons of George McClogue.

2      *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 22, 1752. (3) *John*, b. —.  
 4      *Robert*, b. Feb. 13, 1755. (5) *Samuel*, b. Sept. 13, 1757.  
 6      *Sarah*, b. March 29, 1759. (7) *George*, b. Jan. 10, 1760.

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### THE MCKEAN FAMILY.

1      JAMES MCKEAN began the David Blanchard place about 1765, and d. at an early age. He was b. in Londonderry, June 15, 1739, and d. in Peterborough, Feb. 26, 1776, æ. 37 yrs. He m. Mary Cunningham, dau. of Thomas Cunningham, b. in Townsend, Mass., Sept. 6, 1746. After his death she m. Samuel Treadwell, and d. Aug. 27, 1833, æ. 87 yrs. A son of McKean's, when in his minority, sold the place to the Chubucks, and they again to Elihu Penniman. Young McKean sued Penniman for posses-



sion, on account of the illegality of the sale in his minority, but Penniman was sustained by the courts, and held the land.

- 2 *Levi*, b. Oct. 22, 1768; re. to Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

### THE MAYNARD FAMILY.

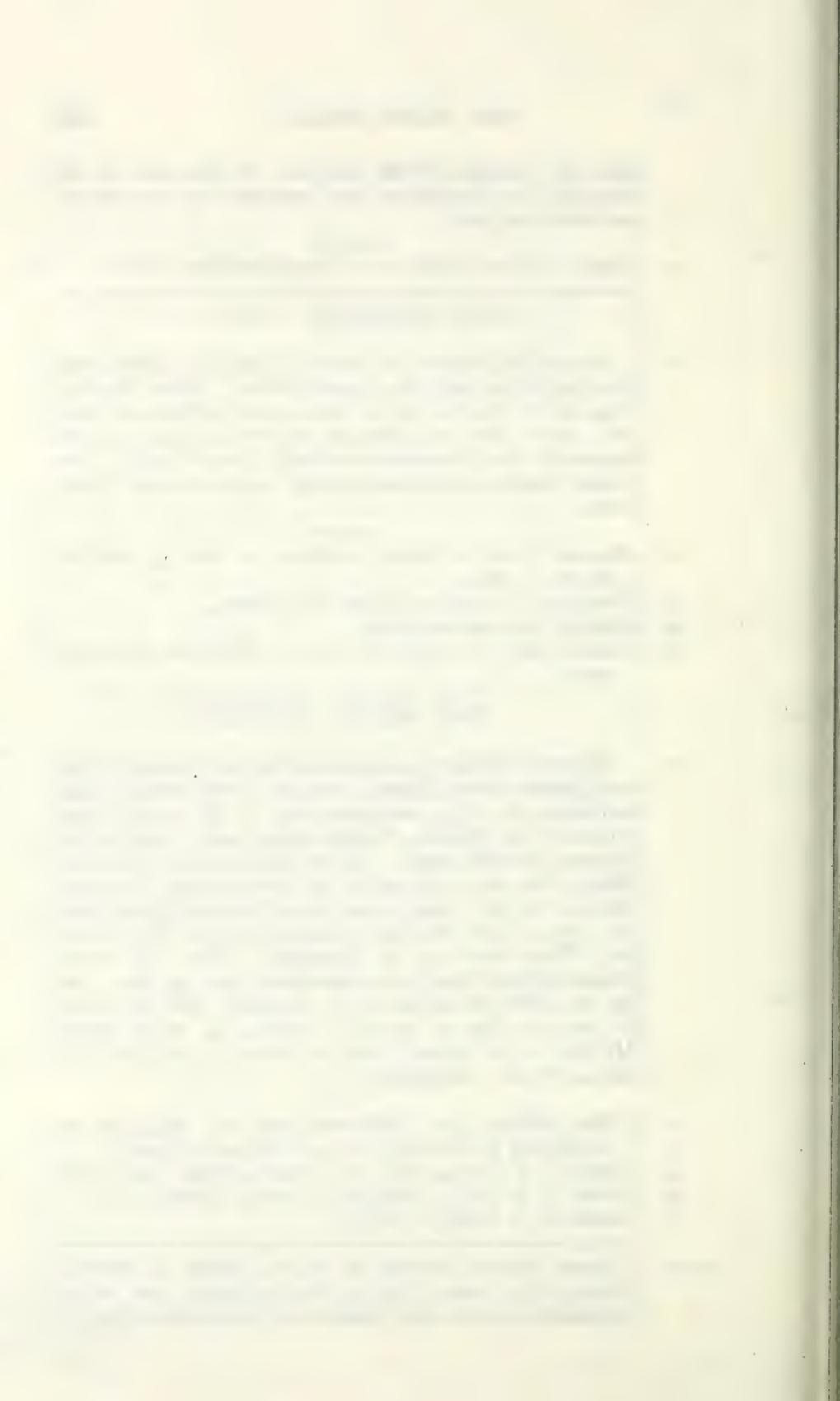
- 1 SAMUEL MAYNARD m., 1st w., Nancy C. Gibbs, wid. of Abel Gibbs, and dau. James Porter. She d. April 2, 1849, æ. 62 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mrs. —— Hayden, of Temple. He d. Nov. 18, 1863, æ. 67 yrs. He was chosen deacon in the Presbyterian church, June 8, 1836. He r. near Hunt's Corner, occupying, in part, the old Porter farm.
- 2 *Hannah Curtis*, b. March 20, 1824; d. Oct. 15, 1850, æ. 26 yrs., 6 mos.
- 3 *Samuel F.*, b. April 14, 1827; d. in Iowa.
- 4 *Israel F.*, b. June 29, 1829.
- 5 *Eliza*, b. July 17, 1832; d. Jan. 17, 1862, æ. 29 yrs., 6 mos.

### THE MEARS FAMILY.

- 1 FRANKLIN MEARS, accompanied by his parents, Oliver and Eunice Perry Mears, came to Peterborough from Goffstown, in 1837, and purchased T. K. Ames' farm, originally the William Powers place, and a part of the Thomas Morison place. Oliver Mears was b. in Easton, Mass., Nov. 26, 1777, and d. in Peterborough, June 23, 1857, æ. 80 yrs. His w. was b. in Woburn, Mass., Nov. 26, 1780, and d. in Peterborough, May 31, 1851, æ. 70 yrs. They were m. in Greenfield, Dec. 10, 1801. Franklin Mears was b. in Greenfield, Oct. 31, 1802; m., 1st w., Eliza Haseltine, b. in Amherst, Feb. 16, 1808; d. Jan. 20, 1846, æ. 37 yrs., 11 mos.; m., 2d w., Sarah McCoy, b. in Sharon, March 4, 1810; 1st w., two ch.; 2d w., two ch. A farmer.

- 2 †*John Milton*, b. in Goffstown, Sept. 10, 1833; m., 1st w., Betsey B. Buswell; 2d w., S. Almeda Upton.
- 3 *Henry F.*, b. Oct. 4, 1845; m. Cynthia Frost, June, 1876.
- 4 *Sarah E.*, b. July 4, 1848; m. Charles Farmer, 1875.
- 5 *Eunice E.*, b. April 19, 1854.

- 1-2 JOHN MILTON MEARS m., 1st w., Betsey B. Buswell, Nov. 2, 1854; she d. Jan. 1, 1865, æ. 35 yrs.; m., 2d w., S. Almeda Upton, dau. Thomas and Lydia Snow Upton;



1st w., three children. A carpenter by trade. He lives on the homestead.

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- 6 *Ellie C.*, b. Dec. 27, 1856.
  - 7 *George M.*, b. Nov. 19, 1858.
  - 8 *Frank Elmer*, b. Sept. 4, 1862.
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### THE MELVIN FAMILY.

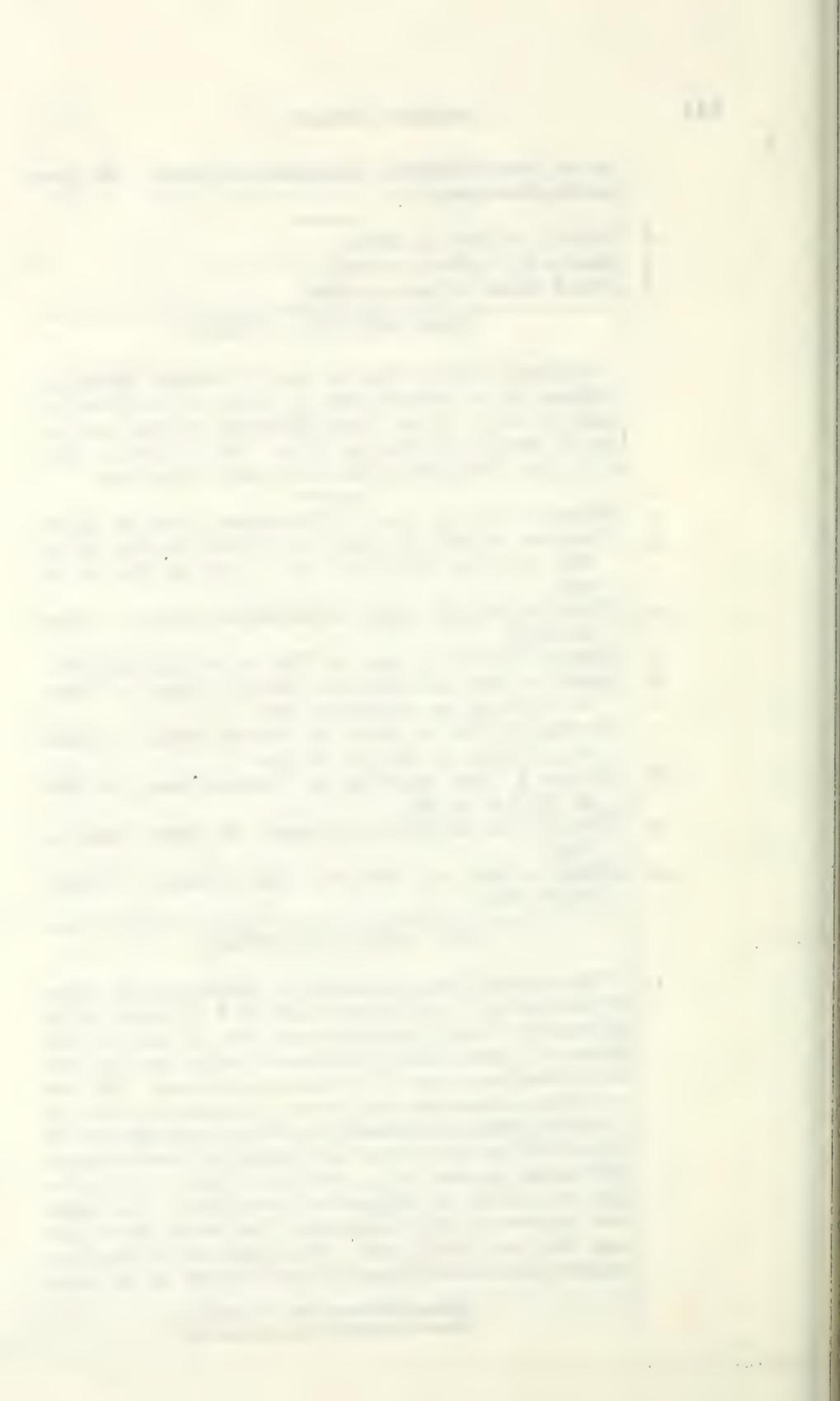
- 1 REUBEN MELVIN was the son of Reuben Melvin, of Pelham; b. in Pelham, Feb. 27, 1768; re. to Peterborough in 1805. He m. Sarah Marshall, b. Sept. 5, 1765; she d. March 18, 1841, æ. 75 yrs. He d. June 6, 1835, æ. 67 yrs. He lived in the north part of the town.
  - 2 *Reuben*, b. Oct. 29, 1794; d. September, 1818, æ. 24 yrs.
  - 3 *Diocletian*, b. Feb. 26, 1796; m. Frances Smith; she d. Feb. 25, 1864, æ. 57 yrs.; he d. July 26, 1862, æ. 66 yrs.
  - 4 *Sarah*, b. July 10, 1797; m. Alexander Smith; r. Londonderry.
  - 5 *Chloe*, b. March 15, 1799; d. Nov. 25, 1815, æ. 16 yrs.
  - 6 *Daniel*, b. June 12, 1800; m. Harriet Gregg; r. Eden, Vt.; d. Sept. 29, 1847, æ. 47 yrs.
  - 7 *Florenza*, b. Feb. 25, 1802; m. Abram Smith; r. Eden, Vt.; d. Sept. 11, 1871, æ. 69 yrs.
  - 8 *Clarissa*, b. Dec. 29, 1804; m. Thomas Laws; d. May 16, 1855, æ. 51 yrs.
  - 9 *Mary*, b. Oct. 22, 1806; m. Joseph H. Ames, Aug. 28, 1832.
  - 10 *Nancy*, b. Feb. 20, 1811; m. John Richey; r. Platts-mouth, Neb.
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### THE MILLER FAMILY.

- 1 We have had great perplexity in tracing out the origin of this family. By a record made by \* S. Smith, in his Manuscript Note, it would appear that a certain Dea. Miller, of Londonderry, purchased certain lots of land in the north-east part of the town for his sons. We are not able to determine that he was a deacon, but that his Christian name was Samuel, and that he was the son of Robert Miller, one of the first settlers of Londonderry. His name appears on a tax-list of Nov. 9, 1750, for £2, 13s. 5d. for the support of preaching.† His name also appears on the Association Test, with that of his son, Matthew, April, 1776. He is reported to have purchased four hundred acres of land in town for his sons,

\* Manuscript Note by Hon. S. Smith.

† History Londonderry, pp. 328, 332, 335.



Matthew, John, William, and James, which was bought with the proceeds of linen cloth, thread, etc., manufactured by his thrifty and industrious wife. He first provided for Matthew by a lot embracing the Parker place and that next east of it, which was sold by him to Samuel Miller, a brother, and then to young Samuel, probably the son of James, and by him to Robert Clark and Timothy Ames. And then he gave William and James lots just east; James on the south side of the road, and William on the north side. These brothers carried on their farms in common till their families had grown up. And lastly, he provided for his son John by buying land situated east of the lots of William and James. Of the father, Samuel Miller, we know very little. It is uncertain whether he ever lived in town much. He probably continued his residence in Londonderry, and d. there. His w. d. in New Boston, with her dau., Mrs. Patterson; date unknown. Matthew withdrew from town on the sale of his farm, and settled in Pomfret, Vt., late in life. The following are all the data we can obtain of Samuel Miller's family.

- 2 †*Matthew*, b. June 15, 1730; m. Mary Morrison, b. Oct. 8, 1736. He d. in Pomfret, Vt., May 30, 1824, æ. 94 yrs.

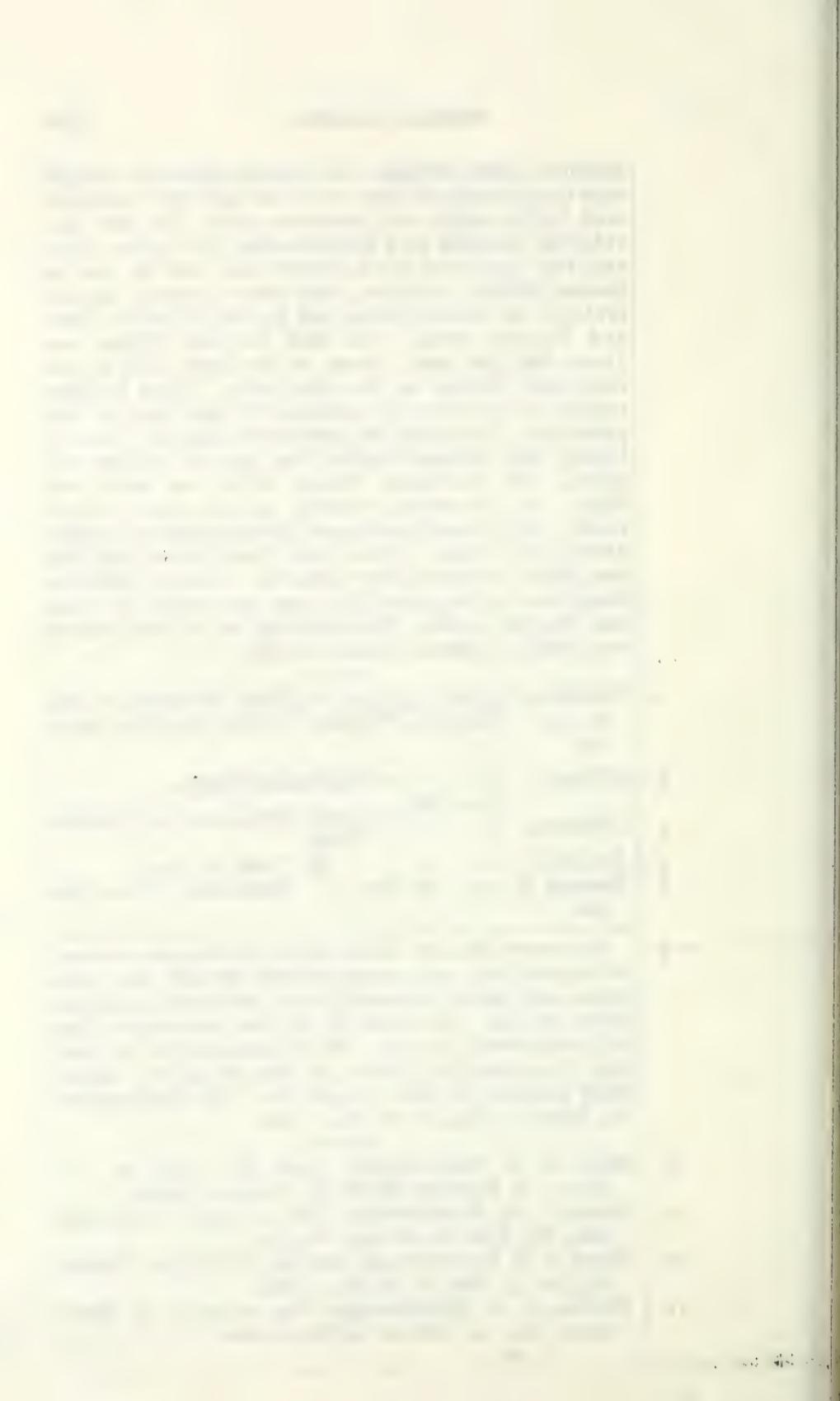
3 †*James*, } m. Catharine Gregg.  
4 †*William*, } b. 1738; m. Jane Todd, dau. Col. Andrew Todd.

5 *Samuel*, b. —. (6) *John*, b. —.

7 *Susanna*, b. —; m. Dea. — Patterson; r. New Boston.

**I-2** MATTHEW MILLER. After selling his farm he returned to Londonderry, and remained there through the Revolution, and served frequently as a minute-man, and for short periods. His name is on the Association Test in Londonderry, in 1776. He subsequently re. to Pomfret, Vt., where he d. May 30, 1824, æ. 94 yrs. He m. Mary Morrison, b. Oct. 8, 1736, who d. in Rockingham, Vt., May 21, 1815, æ. 78 yrs., 7 mos.

- 8 *Mary*, b. in Peterborough, April 28, 1757; m. —  
Burns; d. Pomfret, March 31, 1824, æ. 74 yrs.  
9 *Samuel*, b. in Peterborough, Feb. 1, 1759; d. Rocking-  
ham, Vt., Feb. 16, 1819, æ. 60 yrs.  
10 *James*, b. in Peterborough, June 24, 1761; d. in Chester,  
Vt., Jan. 9, 1826, æ. 64 yrs., 6 mos.  
11 *William*, b. in Peterborough, Sept. 2, 1763; d. Merri-  
mack, Jan. 14, 1818, æ. 54 yrs., 4 mos.



- 12 *Nancy*, b. in Peterborough, Dec. 29, 1765; m. — Campbell; d. Acworth, Aug. 19, 1819, æ. 53 yrs., 7 mos.
- 13 *Susanna*, b. in Peterborough, April 2, 1768; m. — Vickery; d. in Chester, Vt., 1860, æ. 92 yrs.
- 14 *John*, b. in Peterborough, Sept. 15, 1770; d. in Pomfret, Jan. 31, 1856, æ. 85 yrs., 4 mos.
- 15 *Matthew*, b. Londonderry, Sept. 16, 1773; d. in Rockingham, Dec. 6, 1831, æ. 58 yrs.
- 16 *Fane*, b. Londonderry, August, 1776; m. — Johnson; 2d hus., — Mead; d. in Cavendish, Vt., Sept. 12, 1850, æ. 80 yrs.
- 17 *Anna*, b. Londonderry, May 5, 1779; m. — Shipman; d. Walpole, Jan. 8, 1821, æ. 41 yrs.
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1- 3 JAMES MILLER. He occupied the place given him by his father, and here reared up his large and important family. He m. Catharine Gregg, who d. May 23, 1833, æ. 89 yrs. He d. Nov. 21, 1825, æ. 87 yrs. He came from Londonderry, but we are uncertain in regard to the time. It is supposed that he was quite young, and that he was a twin brother of James, as both are found to be born the same year, 1738.

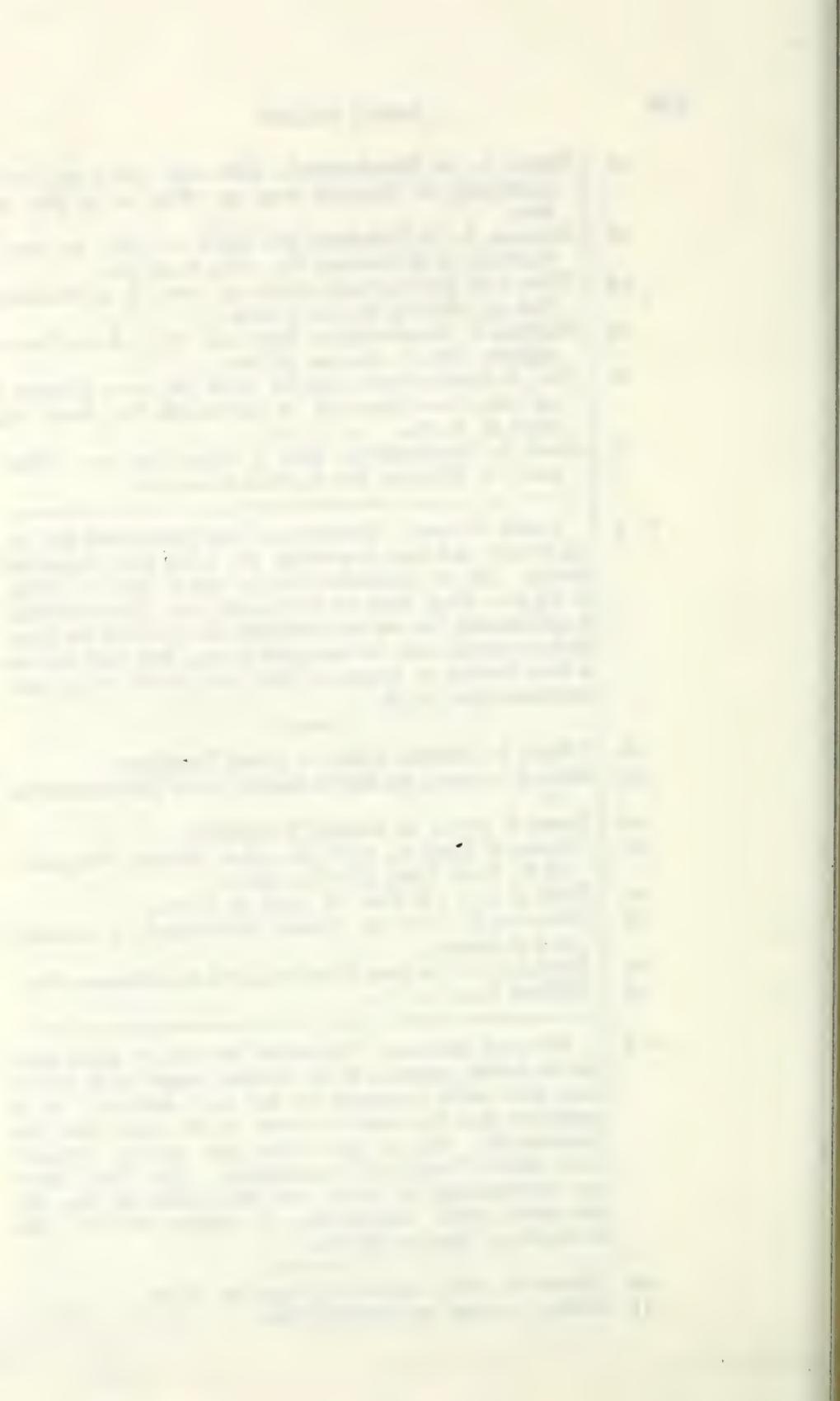
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- 18 †*Hugh*, b. October, 1768; m. Anna Templeton.
- 19 *Samuel*, b. 1772; m. Sylvia Keep; re. to Dummerstown, Vt.
- 20 *Jenny*, b. 1774; m. Samuel Templeton.
- 21 †*James*, b. April 25, 1776; m., 1st w., Martha Ferguson; 2d w., Ruth Flint, Lincoln, Mass.
- 22 *Polly*, b. 1777; d. Dec. 28, 1796, æ. 19 yrs.
- 23 *Catharine*, b. —; m. Daniel McFarland; r. Antrim, and d. there.
- 24 *Jacob*, b. —; m. Jane Hopkins; he d. in Arkansas, 1822.
- 25 *William*, b. —.
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1- 4 WILLIAM MILLER. He settled on the lot given him by his father, opposite to his brother James' farm, which was afterwards occupied by his son Andrew. It is probable that he came to town at the same time his brother did. He m. Jane Todd, dau. of Col. Andrew and Beatrix Todd, of Londonderry. Col. Todd came to Peterborough in 1776, and lived with his dau. till his death, 1777. She d. Nov. 5, 1796, æ. 60 yrs. He d. April 11, 1796, æ. 58 yrs.

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- 26 *Samuel*, b. 1767; d. Oct. 15, 1793, æ. 26 yrs.
- 27 *Betsey*, b. 1769; m. David White.

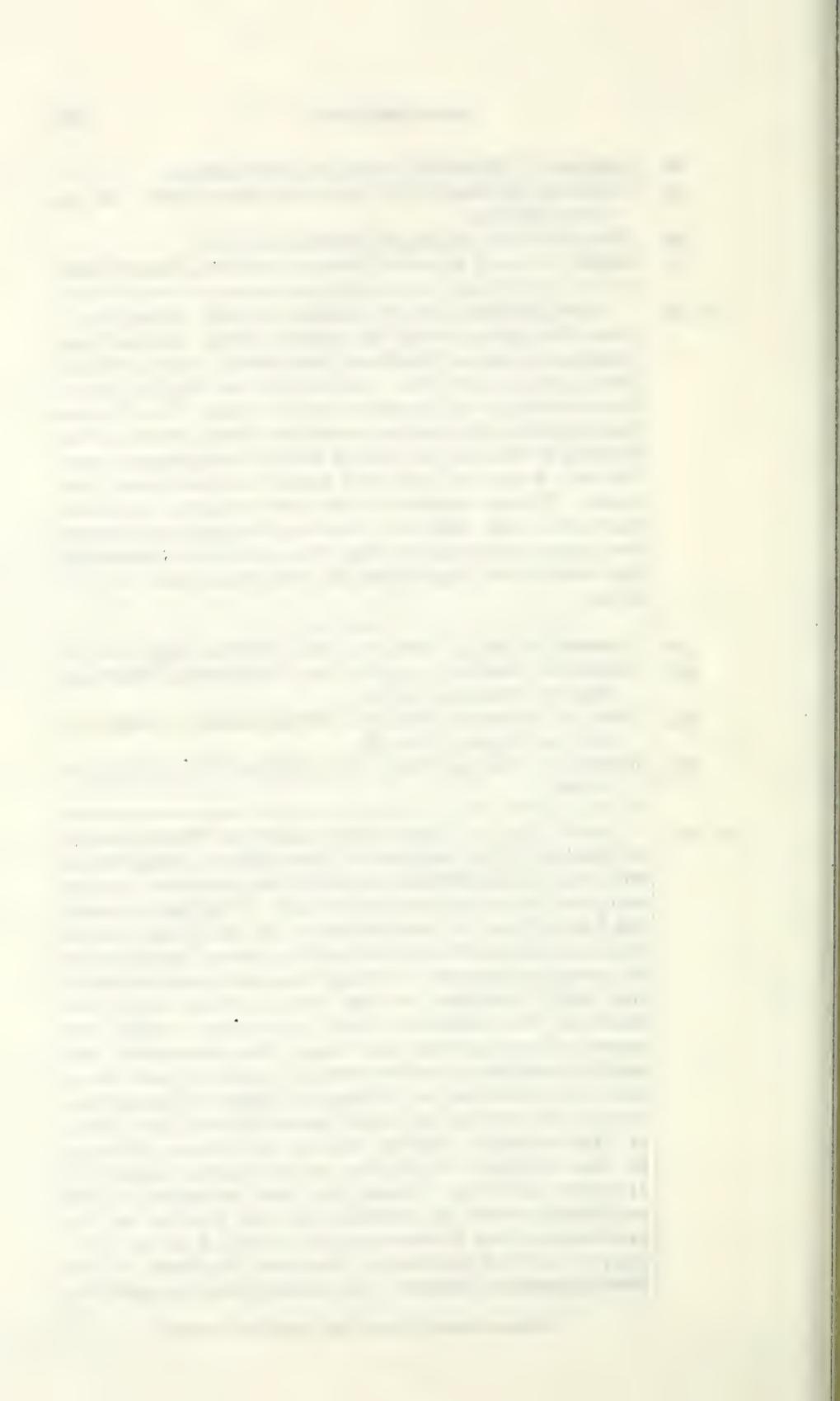


- 28 | †*Andrew*, b. March 18, 1774; m. Jane Ames.  
 29 | †*William*, b. March 18, 1774; m. Ruth Ames; 2d w.,  
     Gracy Holmes.  
 30 | *John*, b. 1778; d. Aug. 6, 1796, æ. 18 yrs.  
 31 | *Sarah*, b. —; m. — Duncan; 2d hus., James Todd.
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3- 18 HUGH MILLER always resided in town, occupying a farm directly south of his father's farm. He m. Jane Templeton, dau. of Matthew Templeton, in 1795, who d. June 9, 1845, æ. 71 yrs. He d. Dec. 10, 1847, æ. 79 yrs. He was always an influential man in town. In all those Sunday noon discussions under the beech trees on the meeting-house hill, he always held a conspicuous part. He was a man of ripe and sound judgment, and just views. He was honored by the town as hardly any other man ever was. He was chosen selectman for twenty-four years in succession after 1805, and also represented the town in the Legislature for ten years, from 1815 to 1832.

- 32 | †*Samuel*, b. Jan. 5, 1796; m. Ruth Bowers, Aug. 9, 1831.  
 33 | *James*, b. March 15, 1798; d. at Fort Smith, Arkansas,  
     Aug. 15, 1822, æ. 24 yrs.  
 34 | *Jane*, b. February, 1800; m. Moody Davis; d. Sept. 27,  
     1856, æ. 56 yrs. One ch.  
 35 | *Rodney*, b. June 14, 1802; d. in Maine, Feb. 4, 1854, æ.  
     52 yrs.
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3- 21 JAMES MILLER (Gen.) was a native of Peterborough, b. April 25, 1776, and son of James Miller, of this town, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, his ancestors having emigrated from the north of Ireland. They were among the first settlers of Londonderry. In early life, like all the descendants of our first settlers, he was made hardy by labor, and insured a strong, vigorous constitution by the hard discipline on the farm. While young, he received the common school education, which was exceedingly meagre at this time. He afterwards pursued his studies at the academy at Amherst, and for a time was a member of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. He studied law with James Wilson, Sen., Esq., of Peterborough. Having finished his course of study, he was admitted to the bar of his native County of Hillsboro, in 1803. About this time he settled in the neighboring town of Greenfield, in the practice of his profession, where he was soon in command of the company of artillery attached to the 26th Regiment of the New Hampshire Militia.\* His military bearing, aptitude,

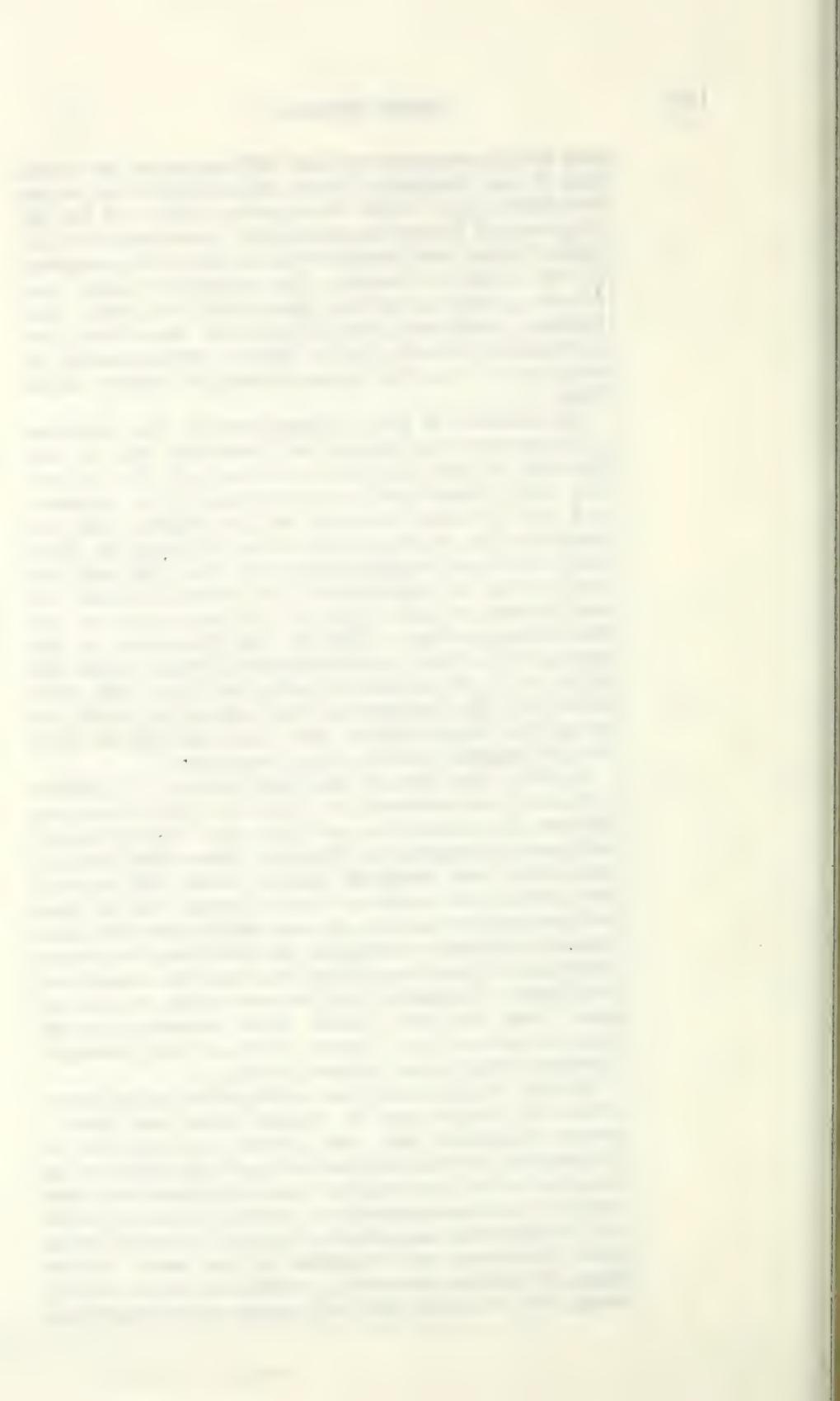


and skill in manœuvring and drill, attracted the attention of Gen. Benjamin Pierce, and at his earnest recommendation Capt. Miller was appointed Major of the 4th Regiment of United States Infantry, commanded by Col. John P. Boyd, and then stationed at Fort Independence, in the harbor of Boston. His commission bears date March 3, 1809, taking rank from 8th of July, 1808. This regiment contained many officers and men from New Hampshire, and after Major Miller's appointment to it, many more joined the regiment from the interior of the State.

He remained at Fort Independence till 1811, when the 4th Regiment was ordered to Vincennes, Ind., to join the army of Gen. Harrison in the war with the Indians. Col. Boyd was ordered on in advance of his regiment, and the command devolved on Col. Miller. He proceeded to his destination by way of Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and three hundred miles down the Ohio, and one hundred and seventy miles up the Wabash in boats,—a long journey, all before the days of steamboats or railroad transportation. While at Fort Harrison, he was attacked by a fever, and was deterred thereby from taking a part in the disastrous battle of Tippecanoe, occasioned by the treachery of the Indians, in which the troops were barely victors, after a hard struggle in which the 4th Regiment took a conspicuous part.

In May, 1812, the 4th Regiment, under Col. Miller's command, was ordered to join Gen. Hull's army, at Urbana, O., where they met Gen. Hull and his army, and marched together to Detroit. Soon after June 18, 1812, war was declared against Great Britain, and preparations were made to invade Canada. In a letter to his wife, July 14, 1812, he says that he had the command in effecting a passage of the army over the river to Sandwich, Upper Canada, and also had the honor and gratification of planting with his own hands, assisted by Gen. Cass, the first United States standard on the pleasant banks of the Detroit River, in King George's dominion, Province of Upper Canada.

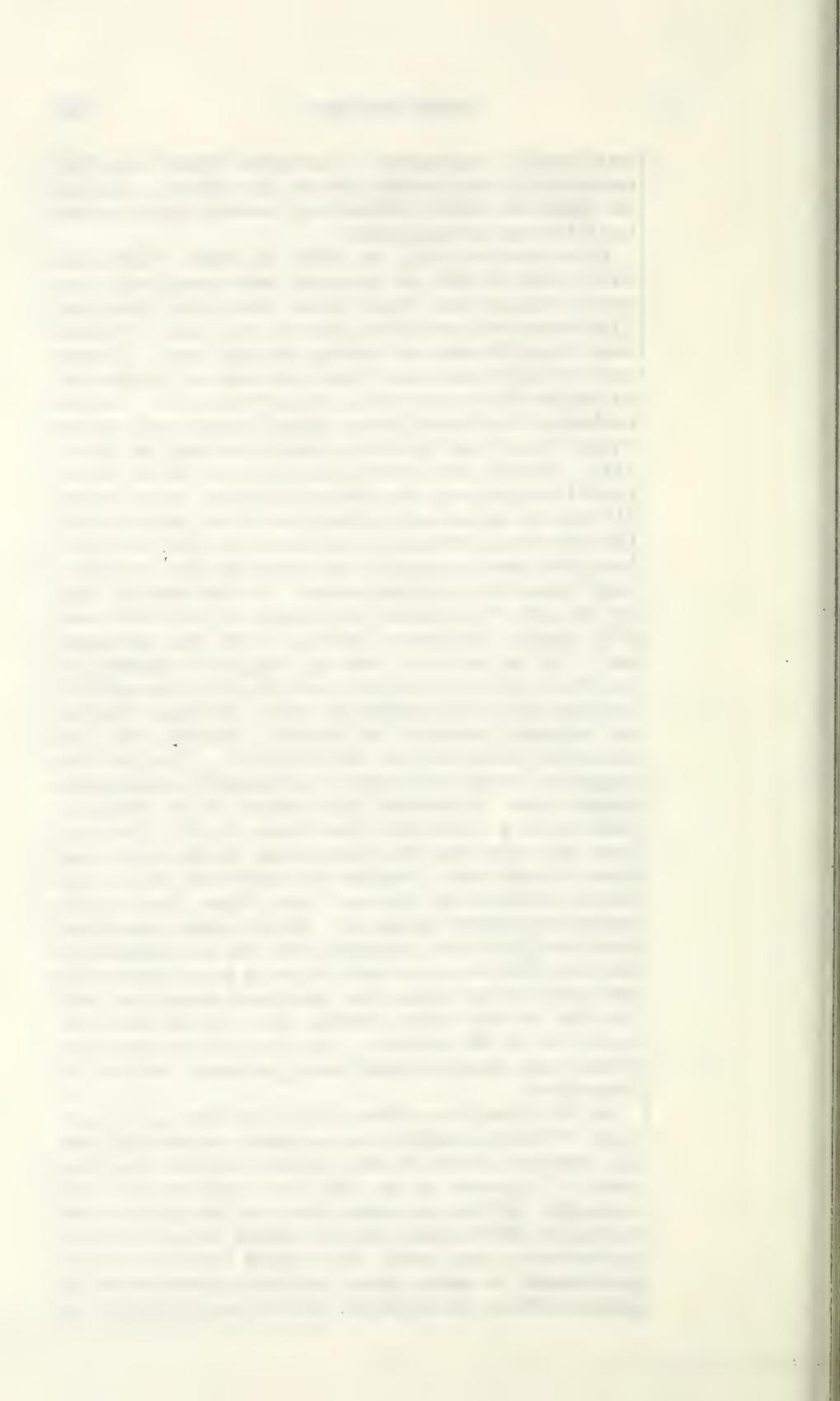
He was in Hull's army but a short time before it surrendered. On the 9th of August there was quite a severe encounter with the British and Indians, at Maguaga or Brownstown, his first battle, in which he had the command of six hundred men, which was quite successful. In this engagement a superior force of British and Indians was compelled to fly, and the famous Indian chief, Tecumseh, was wounded in the neck. In his letters he always expresses a confidence in the army's being able to sustain itself with proper management, and



was strongly opposed to a surrender which Gen. Hull made without any consultation of his officers. He did not know that Gen. Hull had any intention of surrendering till it was accomplished.

In a letter of Aug. 27, 1812, he says: "Only one week after, I with six hundred men completely conquered almost the whole force which they then had. They came and took Fort Detroit, and made two thousand of us prisoners on Sunday, the 16th inst." He was soon patrolled and came home, but was not exchanged, so that he did no more military duty that year. He was exchanged for Lord Dacres early the next year, and he writes home from Sackett's Harbor as early as May 1, 1813. He was constantly engaged through the unsuccessful campaign of 1813 without being in many battles. He took an active and perilous part in the battle of Fort George, which continued three hours, in which the American arms were successful in capturing the fort and a large quantity of military stores. In his letter of May 27, he says: "I escaped unhurt, and hope to feel suitably thankful to that All-ruling Power who preserved me." In his letter of June 13, 1813, after speaking of the great neglect of the sick, and the want of everything to make them comfortable, he says: "I found thirty of my regiment wounded, at Sackett's Harbor, who had been brought in from the battle of York. They were as ragged as bears and lousy as cattle, and no clothing to change them. I ordered India cotton to be bought to make each a shirt, and hired them made." He says, June 24, 1813, that in consequence of the capture of Gens. Winder and Chandler the command of six regiments devolved on him, and that "Gen. Boyd is the only acting general we have." He felt great dissatisfaction through all the campaign with the management of the war. He was confident that with good generalship and persevering action, the Americans would not only be able to keep their ground, but even to drive the enemy out of the province. But the military operations of the year closed without having effected anything of importance.

In his letter, from French Mills, of Nov. 9, 1813, he says: "We have ended, in my opinion, another disgraceful campaign, much to the dishonor of the American arms. It appears to me that the termination of this campaign will have a worse effect on the public mind than even Hull's itself, and will shake the government to its centre; and could this solemn lesson teach the government to make more judicious appointments of general officers, we might yet retrieve our reputation as

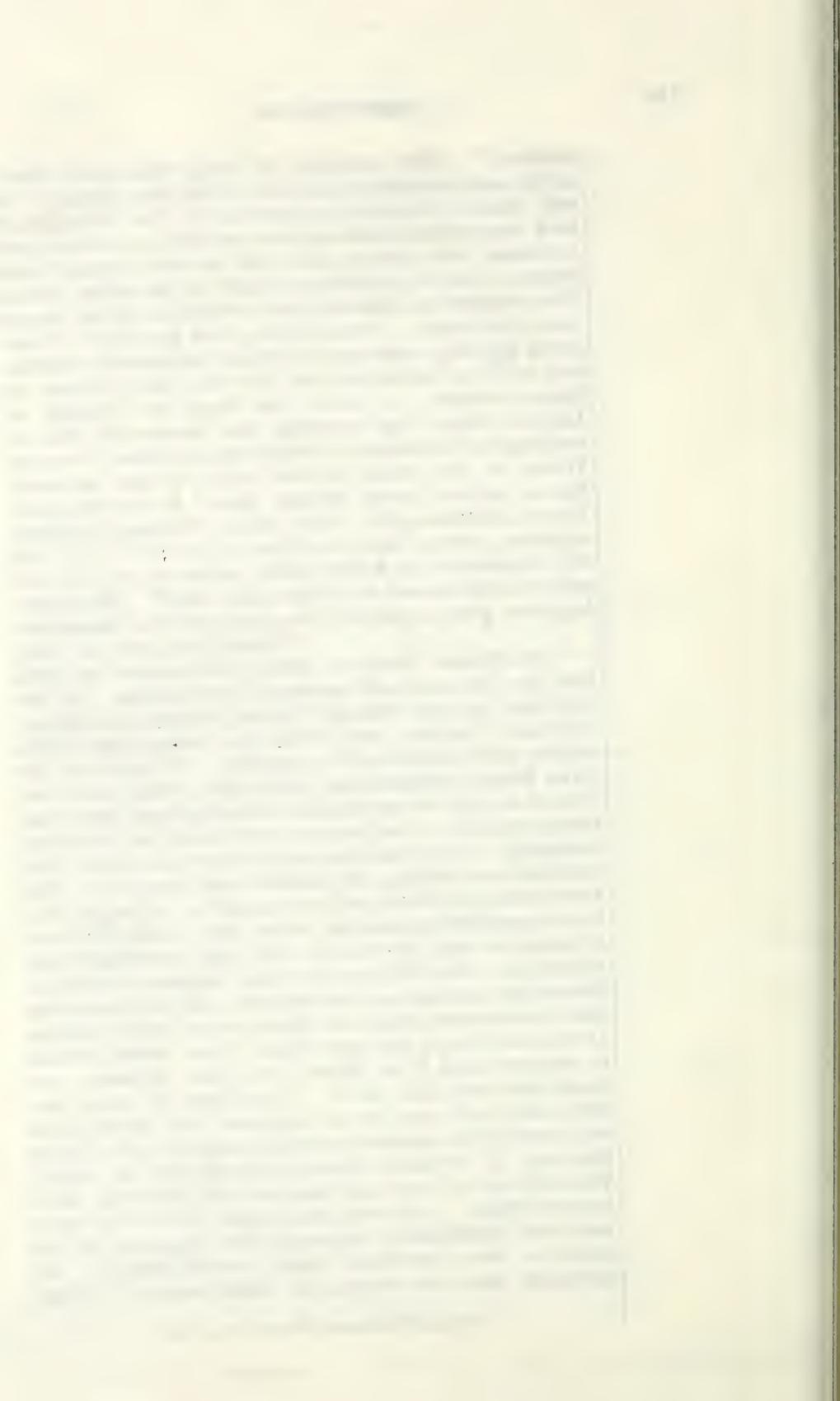


soldiers." The campaign of 1814 was vastly more active and successful than those of the former years. It still lacked competent generals, as in the Rebellion it took time to bring forward men qualified to conduct and command our armies; they had to be educated and trained in service, at the great peril of the nation, before they acquired or deserved the confidence of the troops or of the people. It was during this year that he saw much fighting, and was in several memorable battles, and still, as heretofore, he had the good fortune to escape unhurt. It was at the battle of Niagara, or Lundy's Lane, that occurred that memorable feat of coolness and intrepidity that has immortalized his name. When, in the course of the battle, it was necessary that a certain British battery should be carried, Gen. Brown, addressing Col. Miller, said, "Colonel, take your regiment, storm that work and take it." "I'll try, sir," responded the brave Miller promptly, and immediately moved forward to the perilous task.\* The following letter gives a graphic description of this adventure:

"FORT ERIE, July 28, 1814.

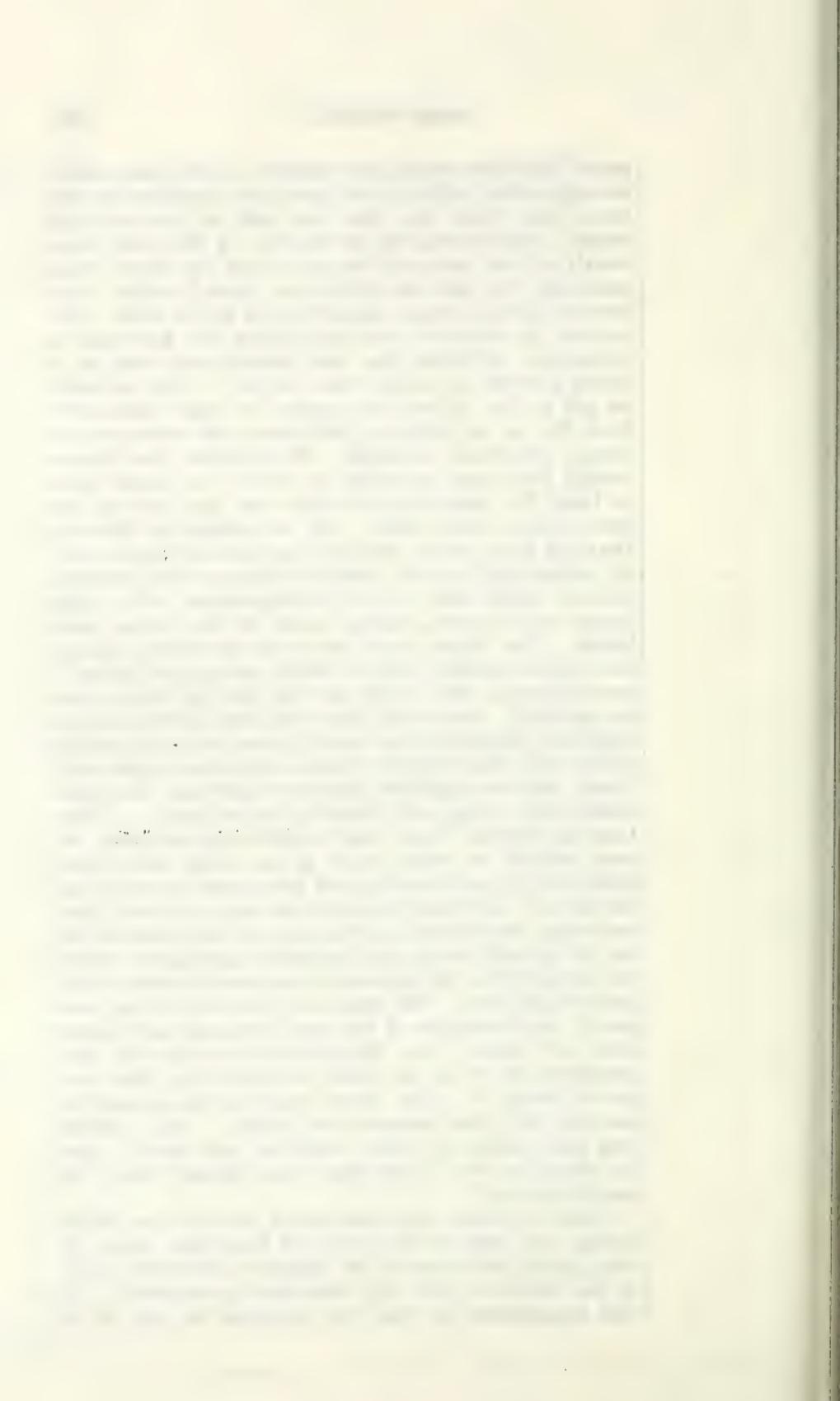
*"My Beloved Ruth,*—I have great reason to thank God for his continued mercies and protection. On the 25th inst., at the Falls of Niagara, we met the enemy, and had, I believe, one of the most desperately fought actions ever experienced in America. It continued for three hours, stubbornly on both sides, when about ten o'clock at night we succeeded in driving them from their strong position. Our loss was very severe in killed and wounded. I have lost from my regiment, in killed and wounded and missing, *one hundred and twenty-six*. The enemy had got their artillery posted on a height, in a very commanding position, where they could rake our columns in any part of the field, and prevented their advancing. Maj. McRee, the chief engineer, told Gen. Brown he could do no good until that height was carried and those cannon taken or driven from their position. It was then night, but moonlight. Gen. Brown turned to me and said, 'Col. Miller, take your regiment, and storm that work and take it.' I had short of three hundred men with me, as my regiment had been much weakened by the numerous details made from it during the day. I, however, immediately obeyed the order. We could see all their slow matches and port-fires burning and ready. I did not know what side of the work was most favorable to approach, but happened to hit upon a very favorable place, notwithstanding we advanced upon the mouths of their cannon. It hap-

\* Pictorial Field Book of War of 1812, p. 819.



pened that there was an old rail-fence on the side where we approached, with a small growth of shrubbery by the fence and within less than two rods of the cannon's mouth, undiscovered by the enemy. I then very cautiously ordered my men to rest across the fence, take good aim, fire, and rush, which was done in style. Not one man at the cannon was left to put fire to them. We got into the centre of their park before they had time to oppose us. A British line was formed, and lying in a strong position to protect their artillery. The moment we got to the centre, they opened a most destructive flank fire on us, killed a great many, and attempted to charge with their bayonets. We returned the fire so warmly they were compelled to stand; we fought hand to hand for some time, so close that the blaze of our guns crossed each other; but we compelled them to abandon their whole artillery, ammunition-wagons and all, amounting to seven pieces of elegant brass cannon, one of which was a twenty-four-pounder, with eight horses and harness, though some of the horses were killed. The British made two more attempts to charge us at close quarters, both of which we repulsed before I was reinforced, after which the 1st and 23d Regs. came to my relief. And even after that, the British charged with their whole line there several times, and after getting within half pistol-shot of us were compelled to give way. I took, with my regiment, between thirty and forty prisoners, while taking and defending the artillery. . . . After Generals Brown, Scott, and others were wounded, we were ordered to return back to our camp, about three miles, and preparations had not been made for taking off the cannon, as it was impossible for me to defend them and make preparations for that too, and they were all left on the ground except one beautiful six-pounder, which was presented to my regiment in testimony of their distinguished gallantry. The officers of this army all say, who saw it, that it was one of the most desperate and gallant acts ever known; the British officers whom we have prisoners say it was the most desperate thing they ever saw or heard of. Gen. Brown told me, the moment he saw me, that I had immortalized myself. 'But,' said he, 'my dear fellow, my heart ached for you when I gave you the order, but I knew that it was the only thing that would save us.'"

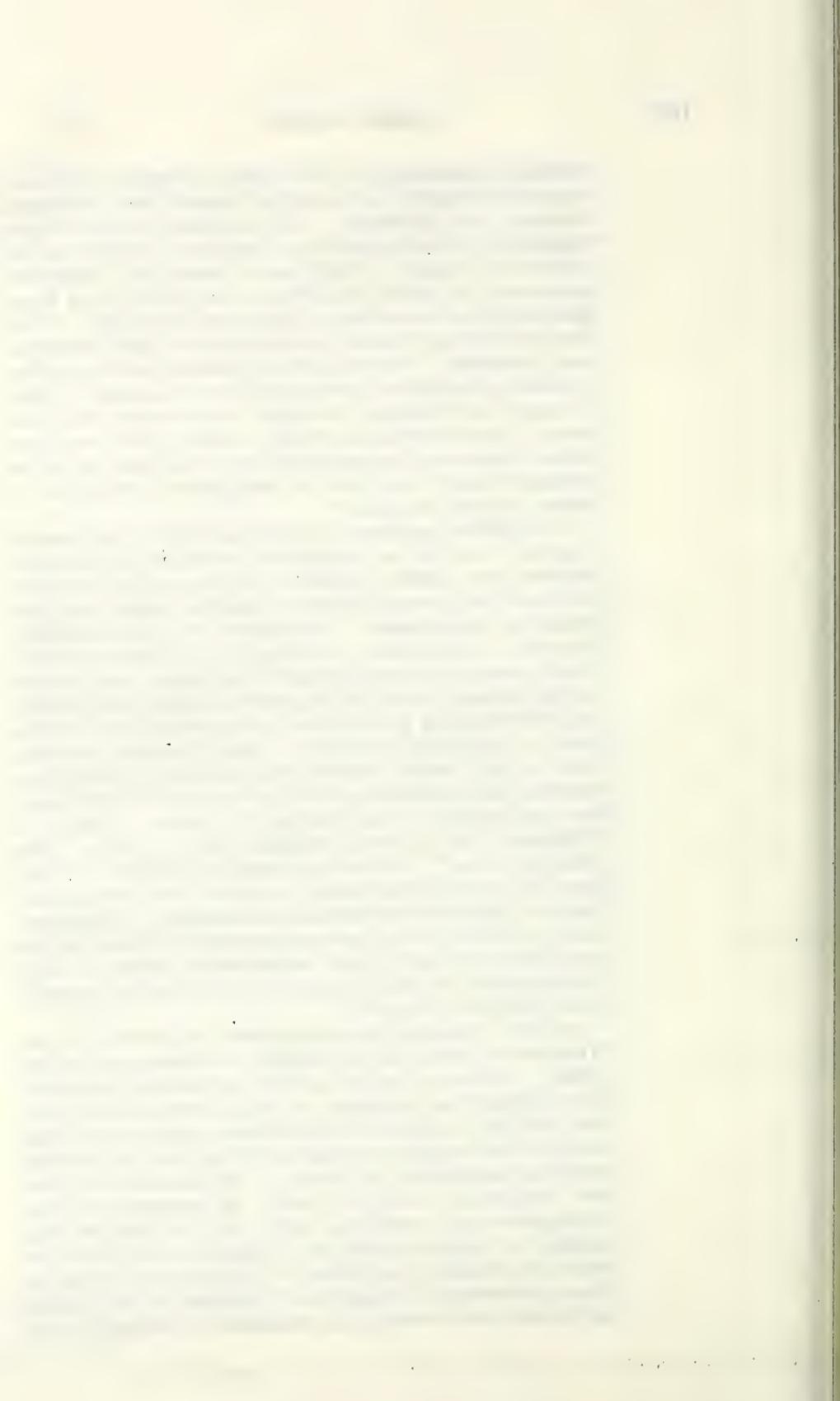
I must not omit one other severe trial of Gen. Miller during this year, at the sortie of Fort Erie, Sept. 17, 1814, which, after one of the sharpest and most bloody of the battles of the war, was entirely successful. In this engagement he had the command of one of the



divisions, consisting of the ninth, eleventh, and nineteenth regiments, and acquitted himself with his usual bravery and discretion, well sustaining the enviable reputation he had acquired a short time previous at the battle of Niagara. This was a fierce and desperate encounter, in which the officers were killed in a large proportion to the soldiery; for he says in a letter: "Our loss was betwixt four and five hundred—killed, wounded, and prisoners. We took three hundred and eighty-five prisoners, besides what we killed and wounded. Since I came into Canada this time every major save one, every lieutenant-colonel, every colonel that was here when I came and has remained here, has been killed or wounded, and I am now the only general officer out of seven that has escaped."

Gen. Miller continued in active service to the close of the war, and as an acknowledgment for his personal bravery and untiring devotion to his country, the State of New York presented him a beautiful sword, with the following inscription: "Presented by His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins, Governor of the State of New York, pursuant to resolutions of the Senate and Assembly of the said State, to Brigadier-General James Miller, as a testimony of gratitude for his services and admiration of his gallant conduct." And Congress awarded him a gold medal, bearing the following inscription, together with a representation of the scene of the charge on the battery at the battle of Niagara: "Battle of Chippewa, July 5, 1814; Niagara, July 25, 1814; Erie, Sept. 17, 1814." He was promoted as follows: In August, 1812, he was brevetted a colonel for distinguished services, probably the battle of Brownstown or Maguaga, and in March, 1814, he was appointed Colonel of the 21st Reg. of Infantry, and subsequently brevetted Brigadier-general, for his courage and gallantry at Lundy's Lane, battle of Niagara.

In 1819, receiving the appointment of Governor of the Territory of Arkansas, he resigned his commission in the army. It was an act he always afterwards regretted. The military had engaged so long a period of his life, and had so absorbed the whole man, that he could not easily transfer his powers to any other kind of business with any satisfaction to himself. The climate of Arkansas disagreeing with his health, he returned to New Hampshire an invalid in 1823, and in 1824 he was elected a Representative to Congress in the district in which he resided; but having, in the meantime, received the appointment of Collector of Customs for the district of Salem and Beverly, he concluded to accept it, and



consequently never took his seat in Congress. He retained the office of Collector of Salem twenty-four years, and until his health had become enfeebled by paralysis, when he resigned and was succeeded by his youngest son, who also held the office eight years. He then removed to his farm in Temple, where his daughters now reside. He had a second stroke of paralysis on the morning of the 4th of July, 1851, and died on the 7th at the age of seventy-five years.\* His remains now repose beside those of his wife and two daughters, in the beautiful cemetery of Harmony Grove, in Salem, Mass.†

No one ever questioned the courage and military character of Gen. Miller. Hawthorne speaks of him as "New England's most distinguished soldier."‡ He was always competent to every undertaking that fell to his lot. He cheerfully submitted to all the exactions and severe discipline of military life, and required the same of others under his command. He strove faithfully and conscientiously, in every respect, to do his whole duty. It was with great regret and sorrow he saw how miserably the military affairs, both by the government and by incompetent generals, were conducted during the first part of the war.

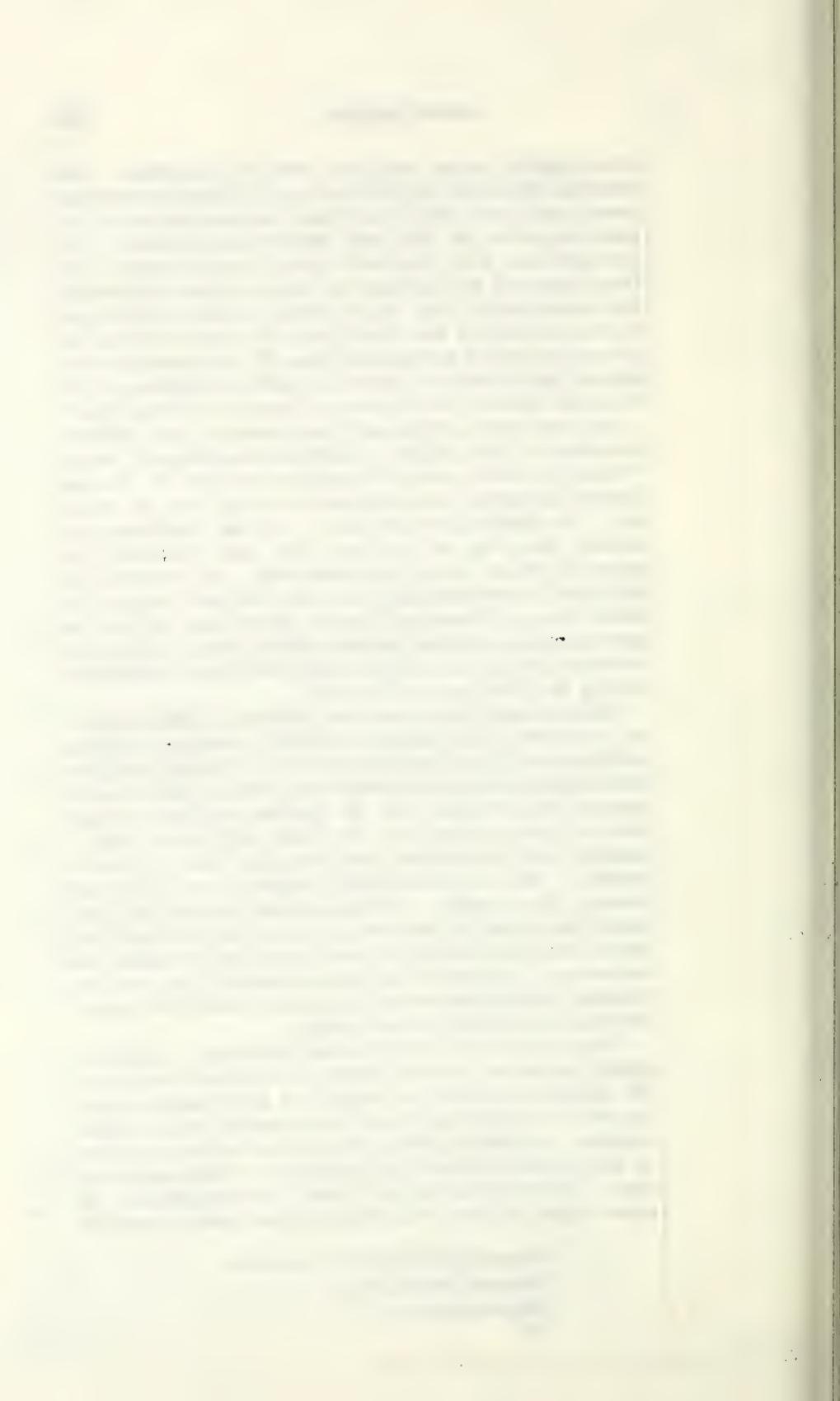
He possessed, in an eminent degree, all the elements of a soldier,—true honor, capacity, courage, decision, patience, and hardihood, and no doubt merited a higher rank in the war of 1812 than he held; but he gained honor enough, for few came out of that war with such a harvest of fame as he did. He bore his honors with a modesty and discretion that won for him a general esteem. He was universally respected and honored through the country. He did nothing to mar his good name, but rather to increase it, so that no one could say that it was mere chance or good-luck that had made him so famous. It was the intrinsic virtues of the man, his resolute determination to do his duty under all circumstances, be that duty what it might.

He was a man of the kindest affections. His autograph letters to his wife during his military service on the Canada frontiers are models of good sense, sincerity, and affection, rarely met with under such circumstances. In reading these letters we are often surprised at the sagacity evinced in his views so freely expressed here. Notwithstanding all these discouragements, he never failed in his own duty; he was always ready to

\* Pictorial Field Book of War of 1812, p. 820.

† History of Temple, p. 237.

‡ Scarlet Letter, p. 12.



carry out any order, even such as that of storming the battery at Lundy's Lane.

Gen. Miller was always respected for his virtues and sterling integrity in all the relations of life.

In his personal appearance he was highly blessed by nature. He was of a large frame, erect and graceful in his movements, and a noble specimen of manly dignity and strength, with a pleasant and agreeable countenance, and a gentle and smooth speech that always impressed strangers favorably.

His talents were of that useful kind that were aided and wonderfully elicited by good common-sense and a sound judgment. He was always a cultivated and refined man, making himself equally the companion and friend of the first men of the nation.

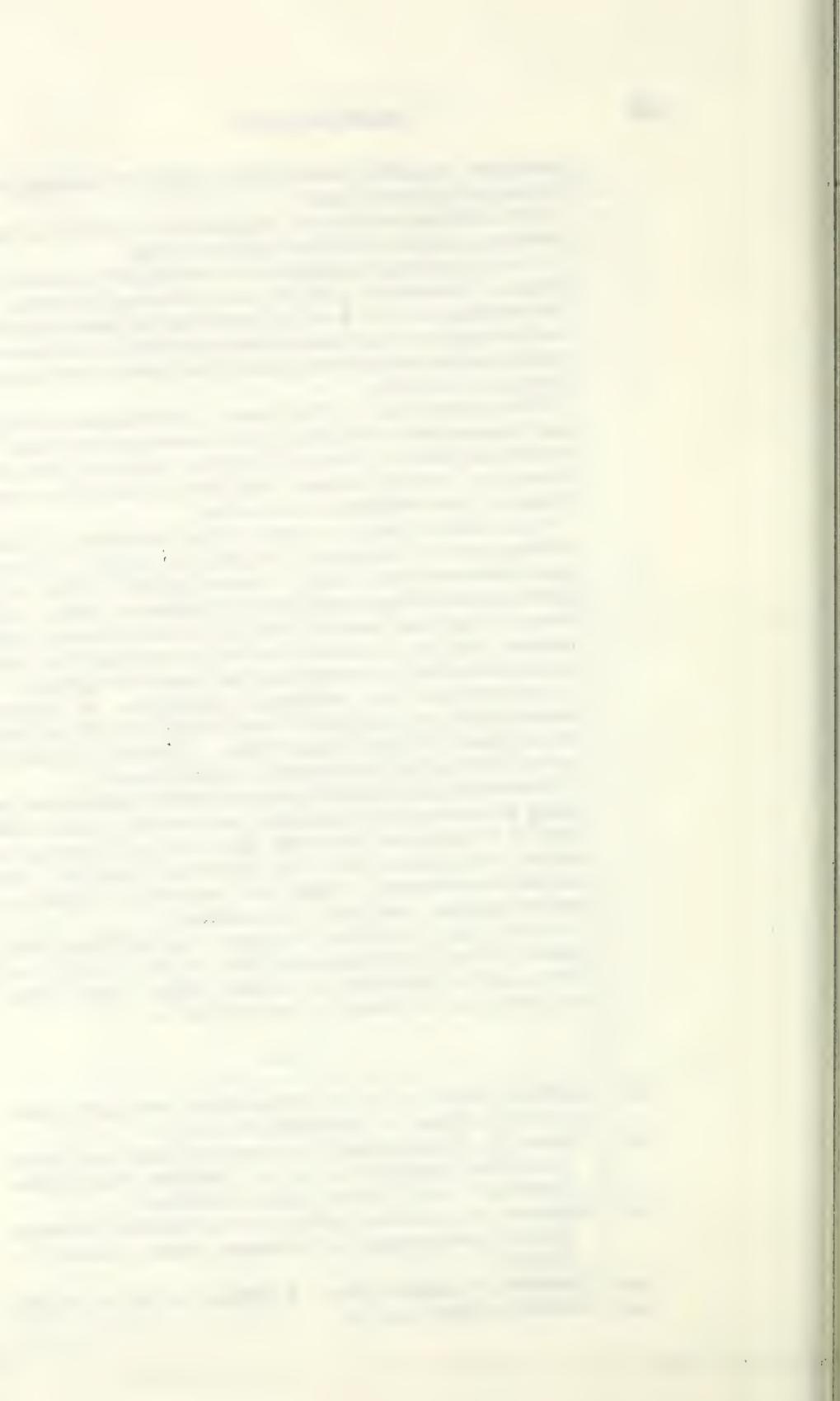
Gen. Lewis Cass, in a letter to the daughters of Gen. Miller, says (Washington City, July 8, 1858), "I knew your lamented father well. A more gallant soldier or a purer patriot it has never been my fortune to meet. He devoted the best years of his life to the service of his country, and his exertions and exposures shattered his constitution, and ultimately carried him to the grave."

He attended the centennial celebration of Peterborough, Oct. 24, 1839, and was called out by the following toast: "Gen. James Miller. A brave man never to be forgotten by his country or native town."

He made a brief speech, expressing his satisfaction in being present on this occasion, and meeting so many of his old friends, and thanking them for so flattering a notice, and closed with the following beautiful and exquisite sentiment: "May we encourage literature, revere religion, and love one another."

He m., 1<sup>st</sup> w., Martha Ferguson, dau. of Henry Ferguson. She d. at Greenfield, May 12, 1805, æ. 23 yrs. He m., 2<sup>d</sup> w., Ruth Flint, of Lincoln, Mass. She d. May 20, 1830; 1<sup>st</sup> w., two ch.; 2<sup>d</sup> w., five ch.

- 36 *Mary*, b. March 13, 1803, at Greenfield; m. Capt. Jonathan M. Ropes; r. Elizabeth Port, N. J.
- 37 *James F.*, (Commodore) b. April 28, 1805; m. Emily Fox, New Ipswich; m., 2<sup>d</sup> w., Caroline Fox, of New Ipswich. He d. July 11, 1868, æ. 63 yrs.
- 38 *Ephraim*, b. October, 1808; m. Catharine Seymour. Eight years collector of customs, Salem, Mass.; r. Salem.
- 39 *Catharine*, b. August, 1810; d. Sept. 6, 1836, æ. 26 yrs.
- 40 *Rebecca*, b. Sept. 7, 1813.



41 *Ruth*, b. January, 1815; d. Sept. 24, 1822, æ. 6 yrs., 8 mos.

42 *Augusta*, b. April 17, 1818.

4- 28 ANDREW MILLER. He remained on the old home-  
stead. He m. Jane Ames, b. July 6, 1778, of Hancock; she d. Sept. 10, 1865, æ. 87 yrs. He d. April 27, 1848, æ. 75 yrs.

43 † *William*, b. Sept. 13, 1799; m. Mary Gray, Aug. 24, 1824.

44 *Mark*, b. Nov. 10, 1809; m., 1st w., Abby A. Abbot; 2d w., Susanna S. Pierce. He d. April 9, 1874, æ. 64 yrs., 5 mos.

Mark Miller's early life was spent on the farm. He enjoyed only the ordinary means of education. After ten years of age, being useful on the farm, he only attended the short winter term of the district school. At eighteen he attended for one or two terms an academy, kept one or two district schools, and then went to Lowell, and served the usual time in the printing business. He commenced his editorial labors in his native town, when he was twenty-three years of age, but soon moved to Fitchburg to edit a weekly paper. While here he was appointed Postmaster of Fitchburg, which office he held till he removed to Albany, 1834. He there engaged in wood and copper engraving, which occupation he followed in that city, and at Rochester, for many years. In 1848 he removed to Racine, Wis., where he issued the first number of the *Wisconsin Farmer*, which he published till 1854. He removed to Des Moines in 1862, and here started the *Homestead*. He was principally editor of this paper till 1870, when he established a monthly journal entitled the *Western Pomologist*, which he conducted till his death. In an obituary notice of his death, the editor of the *Daily State Register*, Iowa, thus speaks of him:—

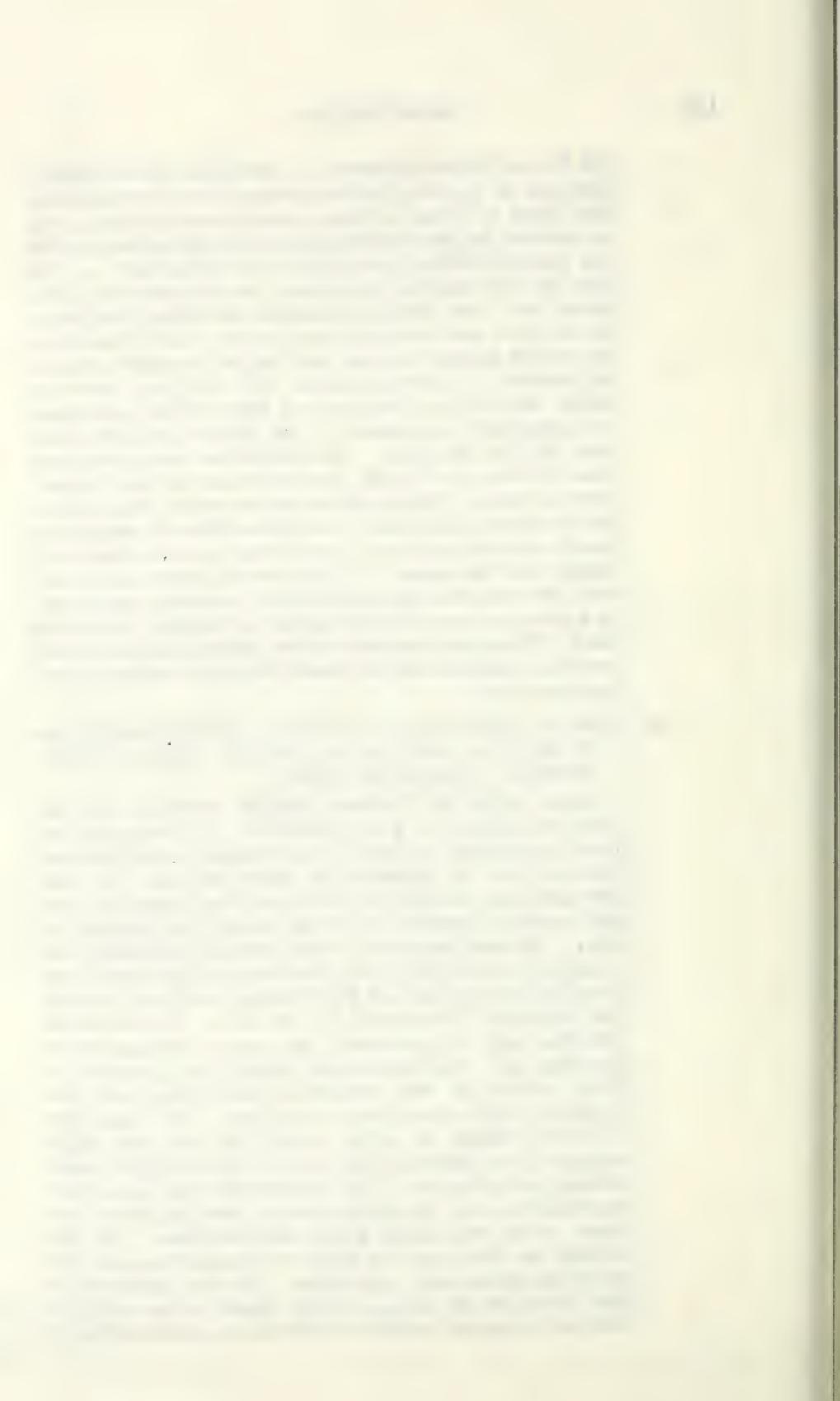
"As a horticultural editor, and as a practical horticulturist, Mr. Miller had, perhaps, no superior in the country. He was not only a clear and fluent writer, and versed in practical knowledge in everything whereof he wrote, but he was also of eminent reputation as an engraver on copper and wood. He was, therefore, able to illustrate as well as write, and this he always did, which gave to his contributions to the literature of horticulture an especial value. It is not for us to award to Mr. Miller his real rank in the profession and labor he loved so well and served so devotedly. Nor may we tell in such eulogy as will be just the tribute



his life and labors deserve. . . . Meantime, it will suffice, perhaps, to say that for the home of his later years, for the State of Iowa, in whose development he took such an interest, he has done much, both in journalism and in the practical field of horticulture and agriculture. . . . He has left his enduring monument on thousands of Iowa farms and Iowa homes, and under the broad, kind shelter of trees and orchards and groves that his hands or his advice helped to plant, and helped to make successful verities, a grateful people will, for long years to come, talk kindly of the name of Mark Miller, and treasure gratefully his memory." He left five children, four sons and one daughter. His two oldest sons are settled near Palatka, in Florida, the others are in Des Moines. It says further, "Mark Miller left the world much better for his having lived in it; and those who will mourn his death sincerely as that of a true friend, and a kind man, always will be many." "The remains were laid at rest with the head resting at the foot of a favorite apple-tree, in a place selected by Mr. Miller a few days before he died. There, surrounded by the objects that he loved, and in a place that he had made beautiful and attractive, let him sleep."

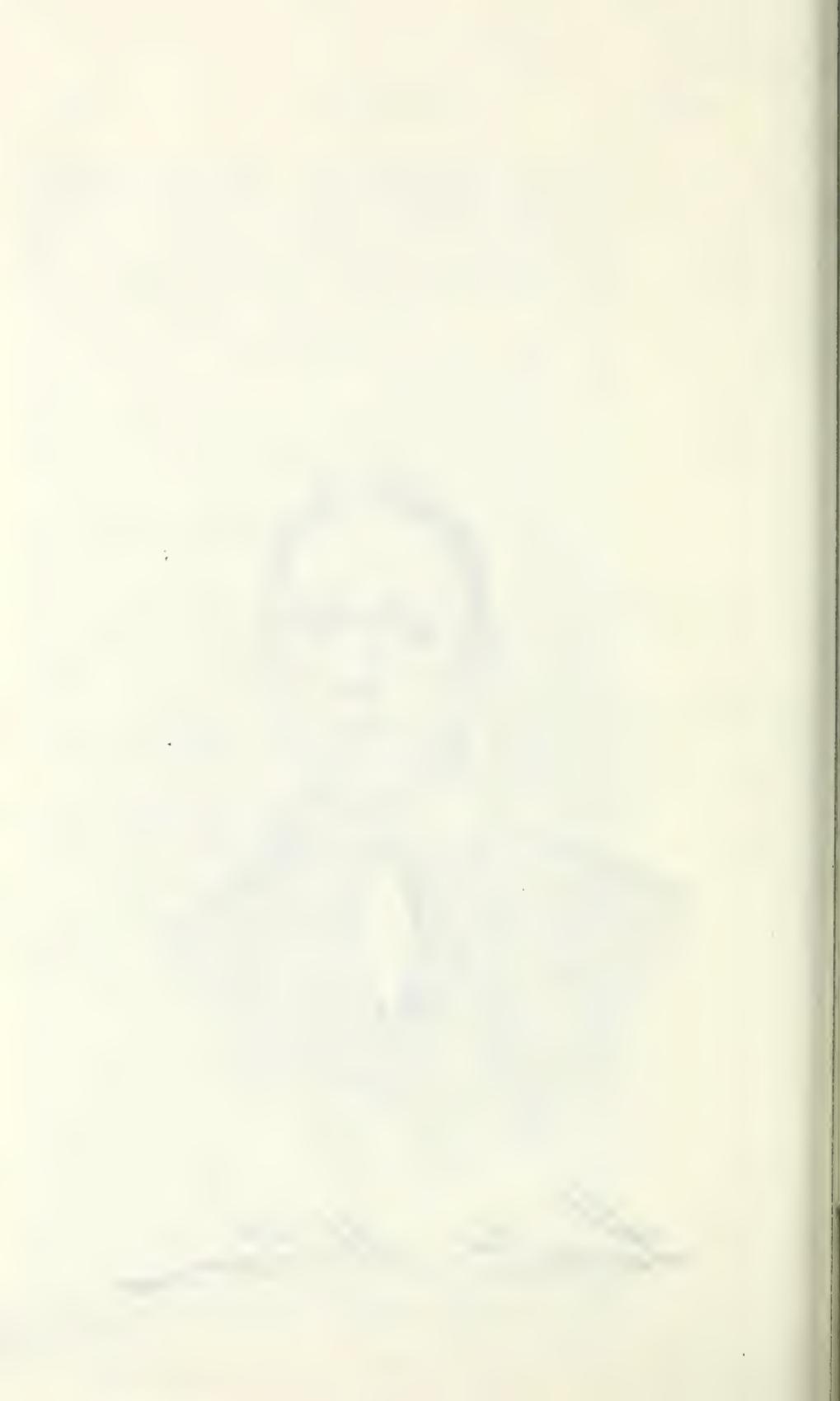
45 *Luke, b. Aug. 18, 1815; m., 1st w., Abby D. Lovell; she d. Sept. 12, 1865; 2d w., Hannah Dane, of Peterborough; r. Lanesville, Minn.*

Luke Miller by his own unaided exertions was enabled to acquire a good education. He was educated to be a practical printer till his declining health induced him to turn his attention to other pursuits. He now attended the academy at Hancock, and prepared himself to enter Norwich University, where he graduated in 1841. He was attracted to the medical profession, and studied it principally with Professor Albert Smith and Wm. Follansbee, M.D., of Peterborough, and took his medical degree at Woodstock, Vt., in 1844. Before he left Peterborough, he represented the town in the Legislature for 1845, '46. He first located himself as a physician in Troy, where he was eminently successful, and also acquired much reputation as a surgeon. He removed to Chatfield, Minn., in 1857, where he was soon again engaged in a laborious practice, in which surgery had a special prominence. His operations were numerous, especially in the threshing seasons, when so many accidents occur with these ponderous machines. He was elected in 1862, and for eight successive years, a Senator to the Minnesota Legislature. He was appointed by the Governor, in 1864, as State agent to look after the sick and wounded soldiers of Minnesota, which office he





Sam'l Miller,



held till his health failed in 1866. Subsequently, when an insane asylum was established in Minnesota, he was appointed one of the first board of trustees, which office he held until the institution was in successful operation. He has also held important offices in the Northern Minnesota Railroad, which he has of late declined. He again changed his residence, removing to Lanesboro, Fillmore County, Minn., where he now resides. He has two children living, Luke Lovell, b. May 7, 1849, Jennie Abby, b. Nov. 28, 1852.

- 46 *John*, b. March 30, 1822; m. Harriet L. Brayton. He d. Nov. 26, 1863, æ. 41 yrs., 7 mos.; r. Rochester, N. Y. He left town when he was eighteen years of age. He first learned the cabinet trade, but, not satisfied with it, subsequently devoted himself to engraving on wood and copper, and took up his permanent residence in Rochester, N. Y., where he d. Nov. 26, 1863, æ. 41 yrs., 7 mos. He was highly respected in the community in which he lived, for his honesty, integrity, and Christian virtues. He had only one son, Charles Andrew, who d. June 12, 1874, æ. 23 yrs.

4- 29 **WILLIAM MILLER.** He lived in the north-east part of the town, his farm adjoining to the Hovey lot. He m., 1st w., Ruth Ames, of Hancock, b. Nov. 8, 1780; she d. Sept. 24, 1815, æ. 35 yrs.; m., 2d w., Gratia Holmes, dau. Abraham Holmes; she d. June 11, 1855, æ. 79 yrs. He d. May 22, 1855, æ. 81 yrs.

- 47 *Samuel*, b. March 26, 1800. He m. Sarah Blood, of Pepperell, Oct. 16, 1825; ch., (1) Sarah E.; (2) Mary Frances; (3) Martha; (4) Louise. He d. June 30, 1872, æ. 72 yrs.; r. Pepperell.

- 48 †*David*, b. May 12, 1802; m., 1st w., Mary Ames, Pepperell; 2d w., Rebecca Colburn, of Nashua.

- 49 *Stephen*, b. June 13, 1804; m. Eliza Beaverstock; r. Cambridge, Mass. He was a pulpit and pew builder,—a first-class workman. Three ch. He d. Oct. 18, 1873, æ. 69 yrs., 4 mos. She d. April 10, 1858.

- 50 *Sally*, b. April 12, 1806; m. Moses Wilkins. She d. Feb. 15, 1852, æ. 46 yrs.

- John*, b. April 20, 1808; d. July 19, 1811, æ. 3 yrs., 2 mos.

- 51 *Jacob*, b. May 27, 1811; m. Caroline Williams; r. Pepperell; a carpenter; two ch. living, Charles H. and Ellen A. Ellen A. m. Arnold F. Minor, Pepperell.

- 53 *Ruth*, b. April 24, 1814; d. Aug. 5, 1836, æ. 22 yrs.

8- 32 **SAMUEL MILLER.** He lived in north part of the town, on the Thomas White farm. He was a farmer. For



many years he was a deacon in the Congregational (Unitarian) church in Peterborough. He was a substantial and worthy man, honest and upright in all his dealings, and reverent and devout in his feelings, a faithful and true Christian. He held many offices of trust and importance in town—selectman 1850, '51, and representative to the General Court 1851, '52. He m. Ruth Bowers, dau. of Capt. Francis Bowers, Aug. 9, 1831. He d. May 9, 1872, æ. 76 yrs.

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54 †*James R.*, b. June 21, 1833; m. Carrie M. Chandler, of Westford.

55 *Frank B.*, b. June 4, 1836; m. Callie Clark; he d. May 30, 1871, æ. 35 yrs.

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28- 43 WILLIAM MILLER. He lived on the homestead. He m. Mary Gray, dau. Matthew Gray, Aug. 24, 1824; she afterwards m. William S. Smith. He d. Dec. 29, 1848, æ. 49 yrs.

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56 *Mary Jane*, b. Aug. 13, 1831; m. A. C. B. Phelps; d. Jan. 13, 1852, æ. 20 yrs.

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29- 48 DAVID MILLER. He r. on the homestead many years, and then re. to Pepperell, where he now lives. He m. Mary Ames, of Pepperell, Nov. 28, 1836; she d. April 1, 1856; m., 2d w., Rebecca Colburn, of Nashua, June 10, 1857; 1st w., three ch.

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57 *William A.*, b. Peterborough, July 20, 1838; m. Mary Dwight, of Rockford, Ill., March 6, 1867; r. Ogle Co., Ill. A carpenter.

58 *Thirza Jane*, b. Peterborough, Sept. 4, 1841; r. Pepperell. Music teacher and organist.

59 *Elijah A.*, b. Aug. 10, 1846; r. Pepperell. A carpenter.

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32- 54 JAMES R. MILLER m. Carrie M. Chandler, of Westford, b. Jan. 2, 1835; r. Lowell.

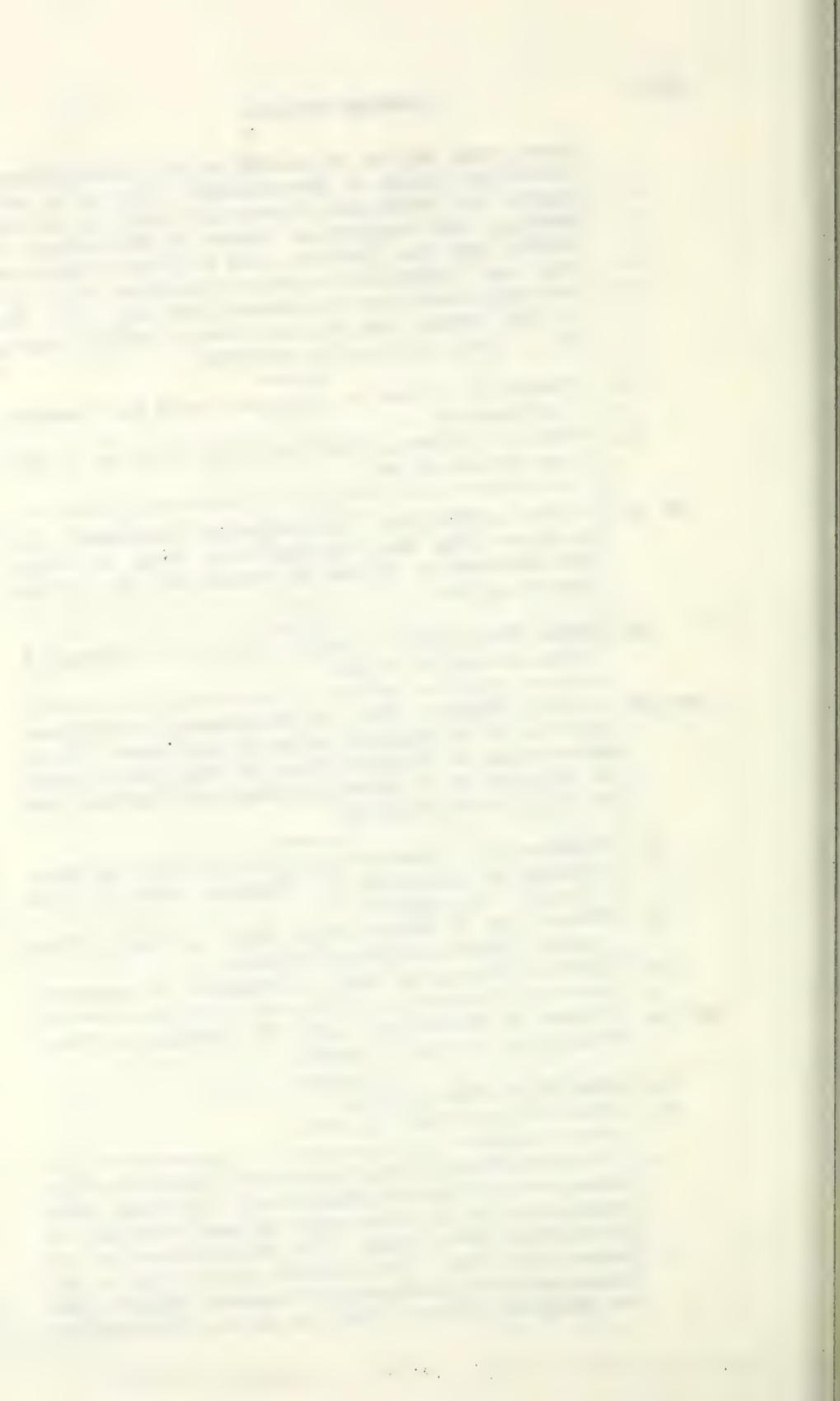
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60 *Mabel R.*, b. Feb. 15, 1869.

61 *Frank Perley*, b. April 14, 1873.

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I SAMUEL MILLER is of a race entirely distinct from the above, or only remotely related to it. He came from Londonderry as the other family did, and a majority of his children were b. there. We do not know the surname of his wife. He d. March 27, 1791, æ. 75 yrs. Name spelled on gravestone, Old Cemetery, Millow. His w., Margaret, d. Oct. 8, 1806, æ. 78 yrs. He lived on



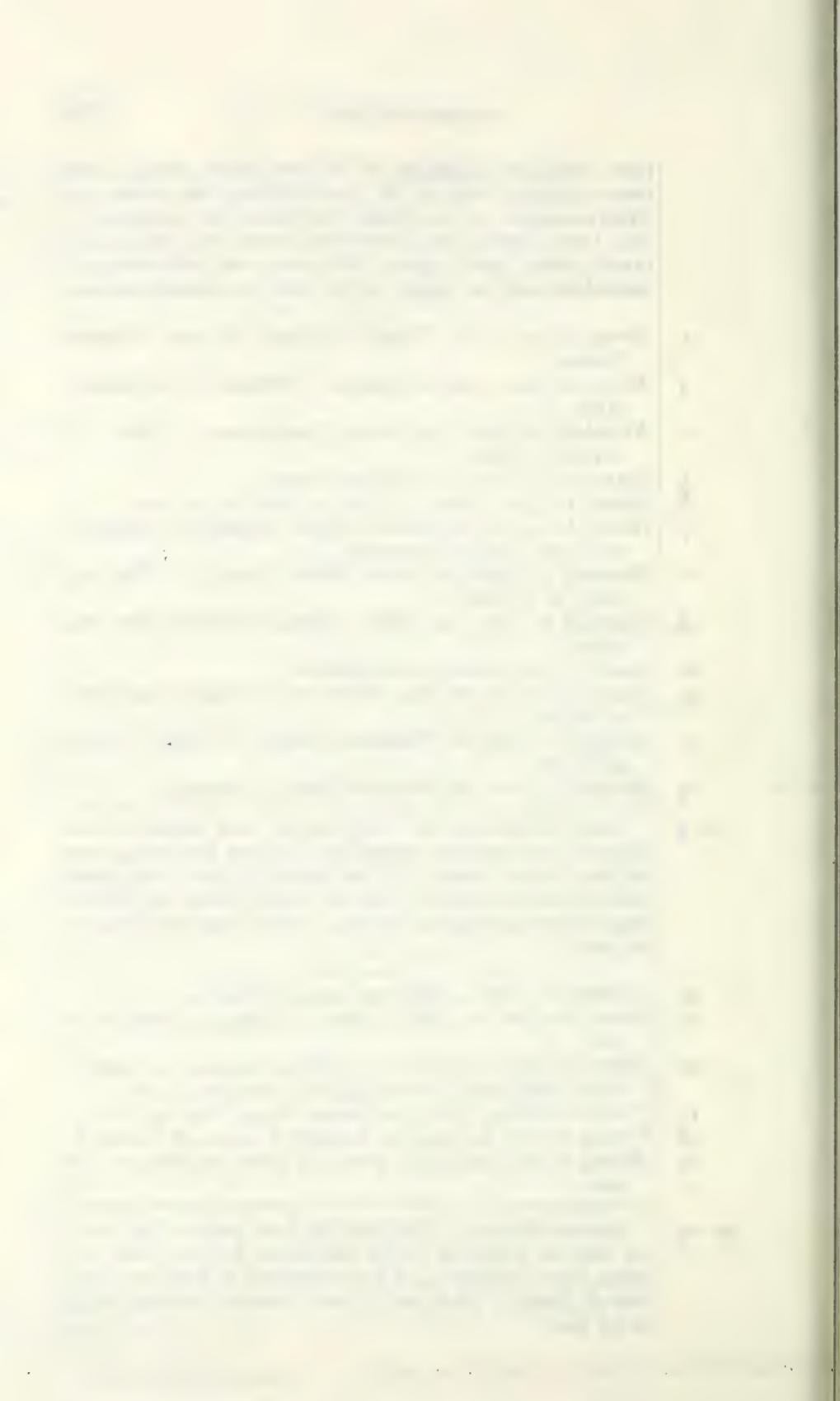
farm east and opposite to William Smith, Esq. The first eight ch. were b. in Londonderry, the others in Peterborough. It is related that when the youngest of this large family was twenty-five years old, the whole family, with their wives, husbands, and children, all assembled and ate supper at the old gentleman's house.

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- 2 *Jenny*, b. — ; m. Charles McCoy; 2d hus., Thomas Turner.  
 3 *Mary*, b. — ; m. Alexander Thompson, Shelburne, Mass.  
 4 *Elizabeth*, b. 1741; m. Moses Cunningham; d. May 13, 1819, æ. 78 yrs.  
 5 *Margaret*, b. — ; m. Robert Taggart.  
 6 *Sarah*, b. 1744; unm.; d. Dec. 4, 1821, æ. 77 yrs.  
 7 *Nancy*, b. — ; m. James Taggart (Sprawly); frozen to death on Temple Mountain.  
 8 *Hannah*, b. 1748; m. John White (Pond); d. Dec. 23, 1825, æ. 77 yrs.  
 9 †*Samuel*, b. 1752; m. Sally Adams, of Hollis, Dec. 26, 1782.  
 10 *Ann*, b. — ; unm.; d. in Sharon.  
 11 *Joseph*, b. 1756; m. Ann Wire; re. to Sharon and then to Maine.  
 12 *Abigail*, b. 1758; m. William Gowing; d. Feb. 23, 1830, æ. 72 yrs.  
 13 *Rebecca*, b. — ; m. Samuel Clark; r. Sharon.
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1- 9 SAMUEL MILLER, Jr. He bought and begun a new place of two hundred acres on the East Mountain, east of the Carley place. It has within a few years been abandoned as a farm. He m. Sarah Adams, of Hollis, who d. July 9, 1835, æ. 82 yrs. He d. Jan. 17, 1834, æ. 82 yrs.

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- 14 †*Adams*, b. Jan. 1, 1783; m. Anna Robinson.  
 15 *Fanny*, b. Jan. 12, 1785; unm.; d. Aug. 3, 1865, æ. 80 yrs.  
 16 *David*, b. July 1, 1787; m. Clarissa Haskins; d. Aug. 8, 1872, æ. 85 yrs.; she d. July 21, 1848, æ. 56 yrs.  
 17 *Fane*, b. May 3, 1789; m. James Gregg, May 15, 1817.  
 18 †*Fesse*, b. July 6, 1791; m. Asenath Bonner, of Hancock.  
 19 *Rhoda*, b. July 12, 1793; unm.; d. May 29, 1869, æ. 76 yrs.
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9- 14 ADAMS MILLER. He lived in east part of the town, on the lot south of Hugh Miller's. He m., Nov. 28, 1805, Anna Robinson, of Londonderry, b. July 25, 1783; she d. June 1, 1856, æ. 73 yrs. He d. Dec. 27, 1859, æ. 77 yrs.



20      †*Samuel R.*, b. Dec. 11, 1809; m. Elizabeth Carter, October, 1835.

21      *Mary*, b. Feb. 1, 1807; m. Joseph Holt, Jan. 17, 1832.

22      *Lucinda*, b. Aug. 31, 1811; m. Oliver Sanderson; seven ch.

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9- 18     JESSE MILLER r. many years on a mountain farm near his father's old farm, when he re. to the village, where he now lives. He m. Asenath Bonner, b. May 31, 1797; d. March 10, 1868, æ. 71 yrs.

23      †*John R.*, b. Nov. 6, 1828; m., 1st w., Allura A. Moore; 2d w., Ellen A. Townsend.

24      †*Charles A.*, b. June 2, 1830; m. Sarah A. Ames.

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14- 20     SAMUEL R. MILLER r. in Lowell some years, and then returned to Peterborough, where he now lives; m. Elizabeth Carter, Oct. 1, 1835. Selectman 1859, '60.

25      *Frances A.*, b. Sept. 7, 1836; m. W. W. H. Wilder, August, 1862.

26      *Sarah E.*, b. June 10, 1841; d. Jan. 6, 1844, æ. 2 yrs., 6 mos.

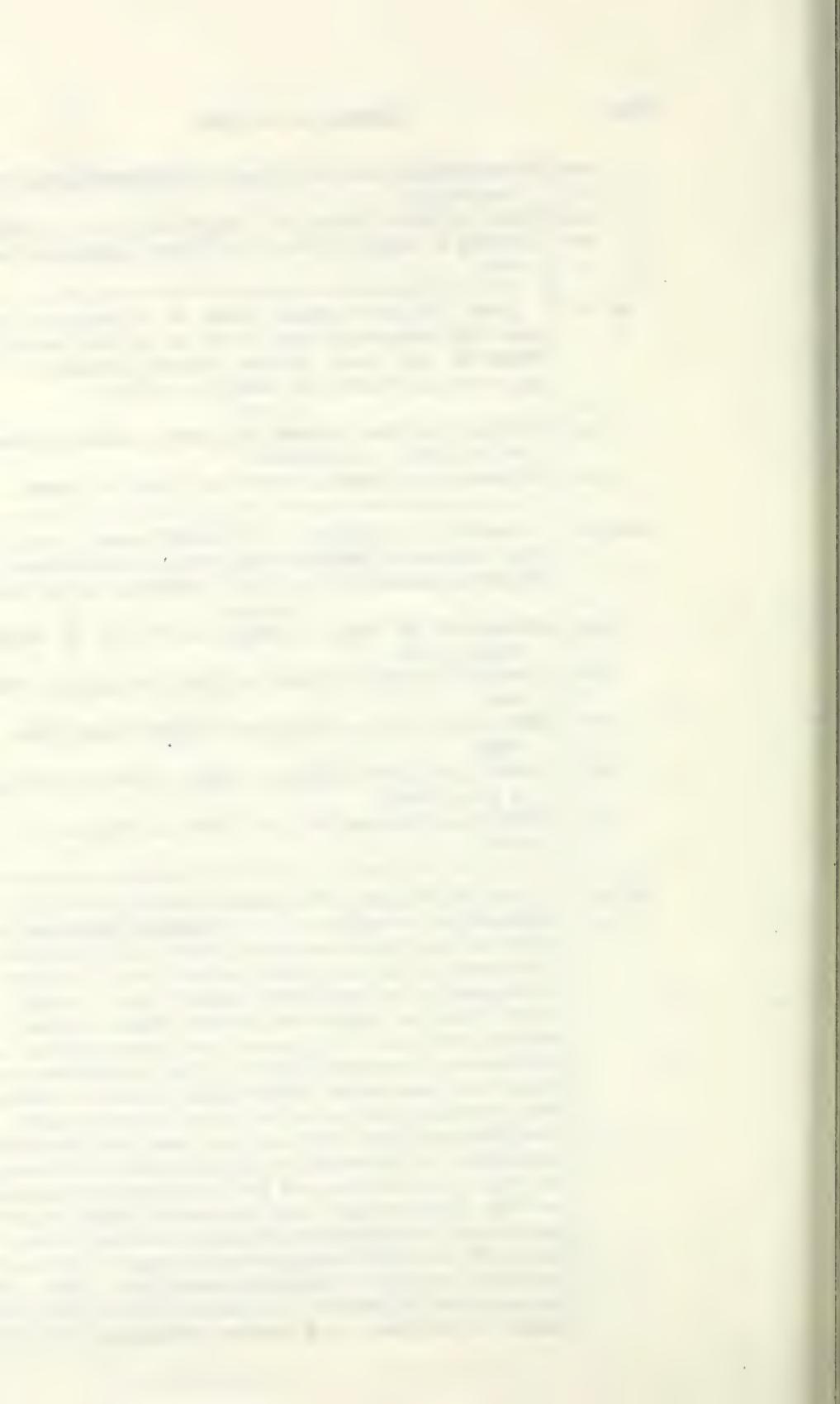
27      *Abbie A.*, b. Dec. 4, 1843; m. Wallace Scott, Nov. 13, 1865.

28      *Sarah L.*, b. Lowell, May 31, 1848; d. Nov. 18, 1865, æ. 17 yrs., 5 mos.

29      *Nettie F.*, b. Dec. 14, 1857; d. Nov. 30, 1859, æ. 1 yr., 11 mos.

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18- 23     JOHN R. MILLER. He learned the printer's trade at Concord, in the office of A. C. Blodgett, publisher and editor of the *New Hampshire Courier*. He returned to Peterborough in 1847, and worked for S. P. Brown. Subsequently he associated himself with Kendall C. Scott, whom he taught the printer's trade, in the job printing business. They issued the first number of the *Contoocook Transcript*, May 27, 1849, which they continued two years, when Miller sold out to his partner, who continued the paper, with the changed name of *The Peterboro' Transcript*, and it is now in a flourishing condition. In December, 1851, he purchased the stock of drugs and medicines of the late Franklin Kendall, and by diligence and care has made himself a good apothecary, which business he now continues in the village. He was appointed postmaster, Aug. 17, 1861, and has held the office by reappointments ever since. He was appointed a justice of the peace, Sept. 10, 1863, and justice of the peace and quorum throughout the State,



Sept. 10, 1868, and now does most of the trial justice business of the town. He m., 1st w., Nov. 24, 1851, Allura A. Moore, of Sharon, b. Feb. 19, 1831. She d. July 8, 1858, æ. 27 yrs., 4 mos.; m., 2d w., Jan. 11, 1860, Ellen A. Townsend, b. July 30, 1838; 1st. w., two ch.; 2d w., two ch.

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30 *Edward E.*, b. Aug. 24, 1853.

31 *Frances A.*, b. June 17, 1858; d. July 25, 1858, æ. 38 dys.

32 *Arthur H.*, b. Jan. 5, 1863.

33 *Harry E.*, b. June 10, 1867.

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24 CHARLES A. MILLER m. Sarah A. Ames, dau. of Alvah Ames, June 7, 1854. He is a machinist. He re. to West Meriden, Conn., where he now r.

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34 *Lizzie M.*, b. Peterborough, June 2, 1856.

35 *Freddie M.*, b. Peterborough, Oct. 8, 1860.

36 *Frank E.*, b. West Meriden, Ct., May 5, 1866; d. Sept. 16, 1866, æ. 4 mos.

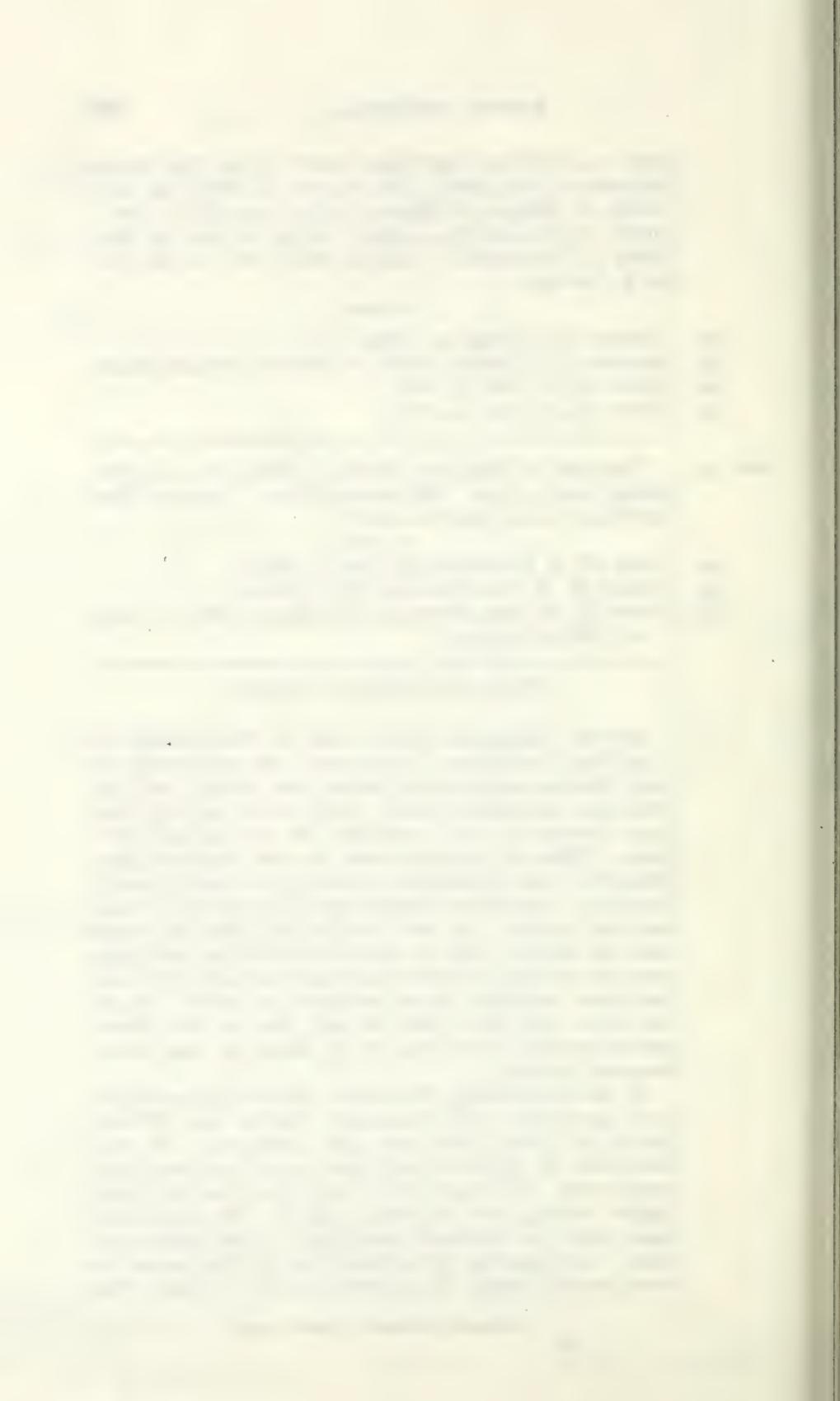
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### THE MITCHELL FAMILY.

1 SAMUEL MITCHELL (Dea.) came to Peterborough in 1759 from Londonderry. He owned the mills where the first Peterborough cotton factory now stands, and carried them on several years. These were built by Jonathan Morison in 1751, and were the first mills built in town. When the property came into the hands of Dea. Mitchell, it was found that a mortgage existed given by Jonathan Morison to Gordon and Hugh Wilson, which was not known. It was thought that Mitchell would lose his property, but it turned out that the mortgage deed was not put on record till after the deed to Mitchell had been recorded, so he sustained no loss.\* We do not know just what time he sold out to Asa Evans, probably not far from 1784 or '85, about the time Evans removed to town.

In the first meeting of the town after incorporation, he was appointed, with Alexander Robbe and William Smith, to "recon" with the old committee. He was selectman in 1762-66, and town clerk thirteen years, from 1767. His record is a very good one, in plain, legible writing, and in good English. He appears to have been an influential man, both in the church and town. At a meeting of the town, Jan. 3, 1769, under his own record occurs the following vote: "Voted, That

\* Manuscript Notes of S. Smith, p. 157.

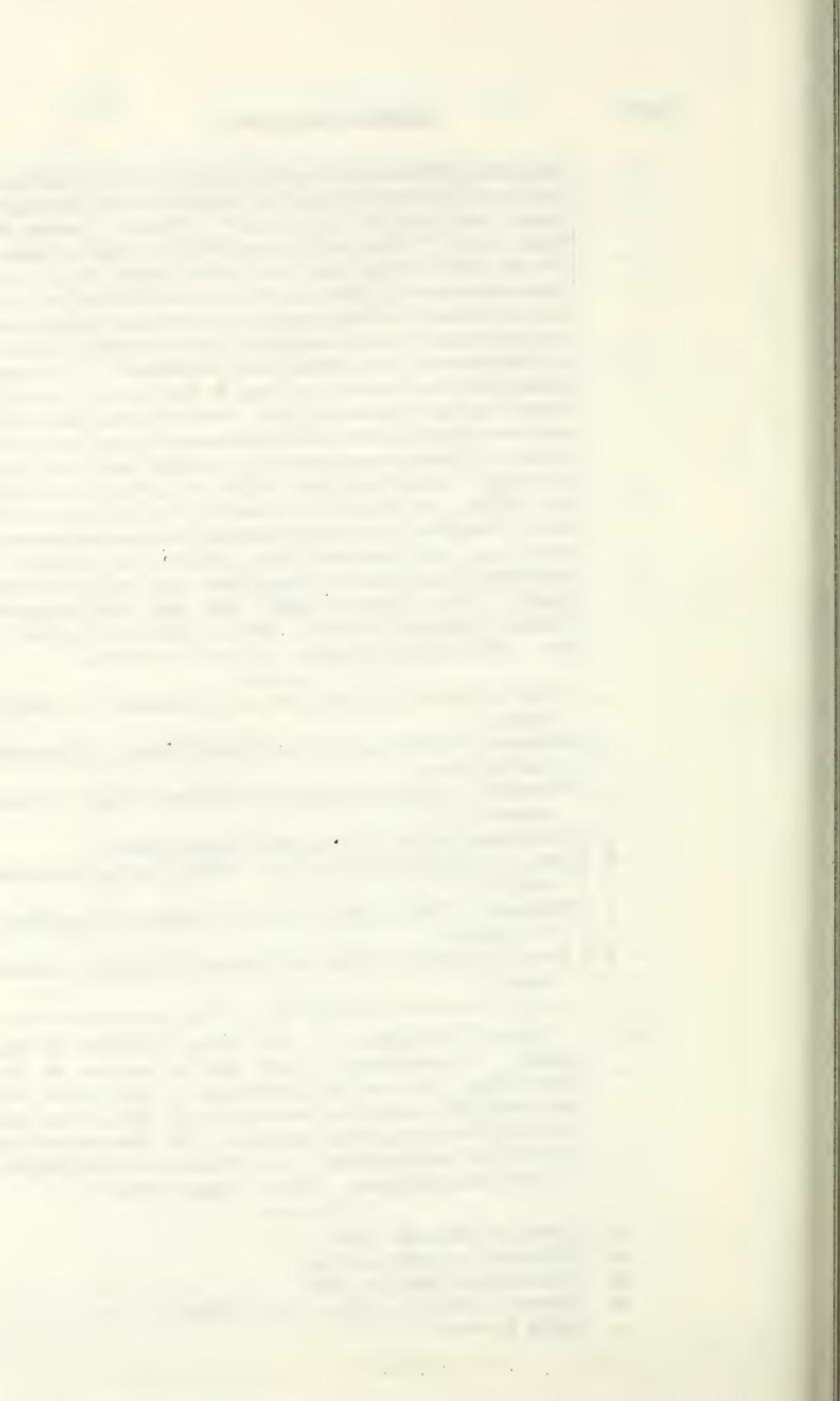


Esq. Hugh Wilson and Samuel Mitchell be brought to an account of the money that they received when the sacraments were held in this town." "Voted" (under the same head), "Thomas Morison, William Smith, Samuel Moore, John Gregg, Sen., and David Steele should be a committee to settle with said Wilson and Mitchell, and collect the money due from them to the town, and appropriate the said money to the use which it was intended for, *viz.*: to buy utensils for serving the sacrament." It is supposed that the utensils so long in use in the Congregational Church (Unitarian), *viz.*: two tankards, four cups, and two platters, were those purchased, in part, with this money. These vessels were in constant use more than a century, when Mrs. Ruth Miller, widow of Dea. Samuel Miller, presented to the society and church a full set of beautiful silver-plated utensils for the sacramental table, *viz.*: two tankards, four goblets, two platters, a baptismal basin, and an ice-pitcher and goblet for the pulpit. He m. Janet Morison, dau. John and Margaret Wallace Morison, b. 1721. She d. Nov. 11, 1791, æ. 70 yrs. He d. May 3, 1798, æ. 76 yrs.; b. in 1722.

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- 2 *John*, b. Sept. 23, 1749; re. to St. Albans, Vt., and d. there.
  - 3 *Margaret*, b. Aug. 3, 1751; m. David Ames; r. Hancock, and d. there.
  - 4 †*Samuel*, b. April 22, 1753; m. Peggy Swan; r. Manchester, Vt.
  - 5 †*Benjamin*, b. Jan 9, 1755; m. Martha Steele.
  - 6 *Ann*, b. Feb. 24, 1757; m. — Swan; re. to Manchester, Vt.
  - 7 *Hannah*, b. Feb. 2, 1759; m. — Putnam, June, 1805; r. Vermont.
  - 8 *Janet*, b. April 27, 1761; m. Samuel Whitcomb; r. Hancock.
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**I- 4** SAMUEL MITCHELL, Jr. We know but little of this family. He rendered a good deal of service in the Revolution. He was at Cambridge in 1775. He was mustered into continental service, April, 1777, being one of twenty-two men then required. He also served at Bennington and Saratoga. He removed to Manchester, Vt., the time unknown. He m. Peggy Swan.

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- 9 *Janet*, b. Dec. 19, 1781.
  - 10 *Margaret*, b. Sept. 5, 1784.
  - 11 *Jeremiah*, b. Dec. 31, 1786.
  - 12 *Samuel*, b. Aug. 15, 1789. (13) *Harry*, b. —.
  - 14 *Sally*, b. —.



- 1- 5     BENJAMIN MITCHELL. He first lived on the lot south of the Charles Stuart farm, the same that was appropriated by the proprietors as the ministerial lot. Late in life he re. to the Dea. Samuel Moore place. He resided a short time in Temple, before his death. He was among those who marched to Lexington on the alarm, April 19, 1775; was also mustered into service for two mos., Sept. 20, 1776; marched to Bennington, 1777, in service from July 19 to Sept. 26. He was present at the centennial celebration of the town, 1839, and was one of three survivors present of those who signed the Association Test, or Declaration of Independence, June 17, 1776. The other two were Thomas Steele and Capt. William Robbe. He m. Martha Steele, dau. of Capt. David Steele, 1779. She d. Feb. 9, 1853, æ. 90 yrs. He d. at Temple, Sept. 24, 1840, æ. 85 yrs.
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- 15     *Stephen*, b. March 29, 1780; m. Sally Mills, Durham. A graduate of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., 1801. Studied law with Judge Steele in Durham, and practised his profession there.\* Mr. Mitchell was esteemed a good lawyer. He was a man of talents and standing. He had quite a literary turn, and used often to write for newspapers. When Lafayette visited Durham, in 1825, Mr. Mitchell was selected to address him in behalf of the town, which he did in a very handsome and appropriate manner. He d. Feb. 15, 1833, æ. 53 yrs.; c.
- 16     *David*, b. May 31, 1782; m. Ruth Hoyt, Bradford. He studied medicine with Dr. Howe, of Jaffrey; attended medical lectures at Hanover; lived and d. in Bradford. He d. suddenly of an affection of the heart, Jan. 21, 1821, æ. 39 yrs. Two ch., Nancy and Margaret.
- 17     *Margaret*, b. Sept. 6, 1784; m. Peter Bachelder; 2d hus., Dea. Stephen Holt. She taught a high school for young ladies in New Ipswich before her first marriage, and was considered highly accomplished. One ch. by 1st hus., Jane, who m. Robert Bradford, Franconia. After her second marriage, she spent her last days in Greenfield; d. Aug. 17, 1867, æ. 83 yrs.
- 18     *Jonathan*, b. Jan. 21, 1787; m., March 13, 1817, Sally White; re. to Preble, N. Y., 1840. Four ch., Susan, Frances, Emily, and Stephen, all b. in Peterborough. He d. at Belvidere, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1853, æ. 66 yrs., 7 mos. She d. at same place, 1861, æ. 74 yrs.
- 19     *Frederick A.*, b. July 15, 1789; m. Lucy Aiken; 2d w., Rhoda Johnson. He studied medicine with Dr. Starr,

\* Letter David Steele, Esq., Dover.



of this town, and Howe, of Jaffrey, and attended medical lectures at Hanover; practised his profession at Chester and Bradford. He relinquished the practice some years before his death. He d. in Manchester, July 28, 1869, æ. 80 yrs. Seven ch.

- 20 *Elizabeth*, b. May 6, 1793; m. Isaac Edes, April 24, 1823.  
21 *John*, b. March 22, 1795; m. Lucretia Mason; re. to New York State. A hatter by trade. Two ch., sons; d. in Ohio.  
22 *Charlotte*, b. July 21, 1798; m. Samuel Gates, Oct. 26, 1824.  
23 *Jane*, b. Feb. 21, 1803; d. Sept. 28, 1805, æ. 19 mos.  
24 *Samuel*, b. March 4, 1807; m. Harriet Childs; d. Aug. 21, 1850, æ. 43 yrs.
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ISAAC MITCHELL, suppose related to the above. We know nothing more, only this record of this family on the town books. His wife's name was Jemima.

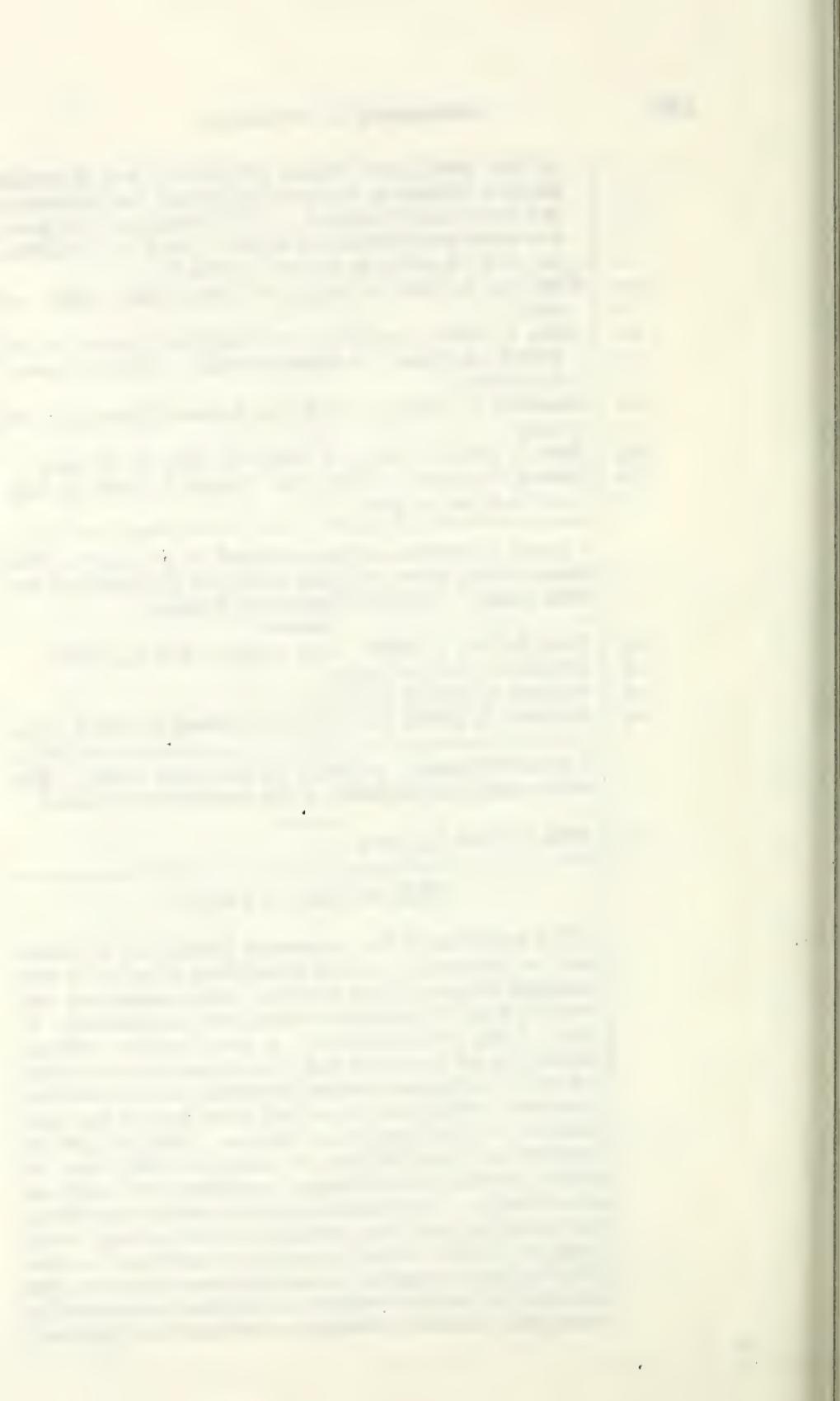
- 25 *John*, b. Dec. 7, 1766. (26) *Isaac*, b. Jan. 24, 1769.  
27 *Martha*, b. Nov. 20, 1770.  
28 *William*, b. March 7, 1773.  
29 *Margaret*, b. March 31, 1775. (30) *James*, b. May 1, 1779.
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JOHN MITCHELL, probably of the same family. His wife's name was Beersheba; this record only is found.

- 31 *John*, b. Nov. 30, 1779.
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#### THE MOORE FAMILY.

The ancestors of this important family can be traced back to Scotland. In the Revolution of 1688, it was sometime before all the Scottish chiefs submitted and took the oath of allegiance to the new government. In 1691, King William issued a proclamation offering amnesty to all the chiefs and their clans who would take the oath of allegiance before December 31. All of them submitted within the prescribed time, except the aged MacIlan, or MacDonald, of Glencoe. On the 31st he appeared at Fort William to take the oath, but the officer in command not being a magistrate, he could not administer it. MacDonald made his way as speedily as the travelling and the condition of the country would admit to Iveray, where he took the oath, Jan. 6, 1692. His allegiance happened a few days later than the time required by the proclamation, and he was represented by three great Scottish chiefs, who had been his hereditary

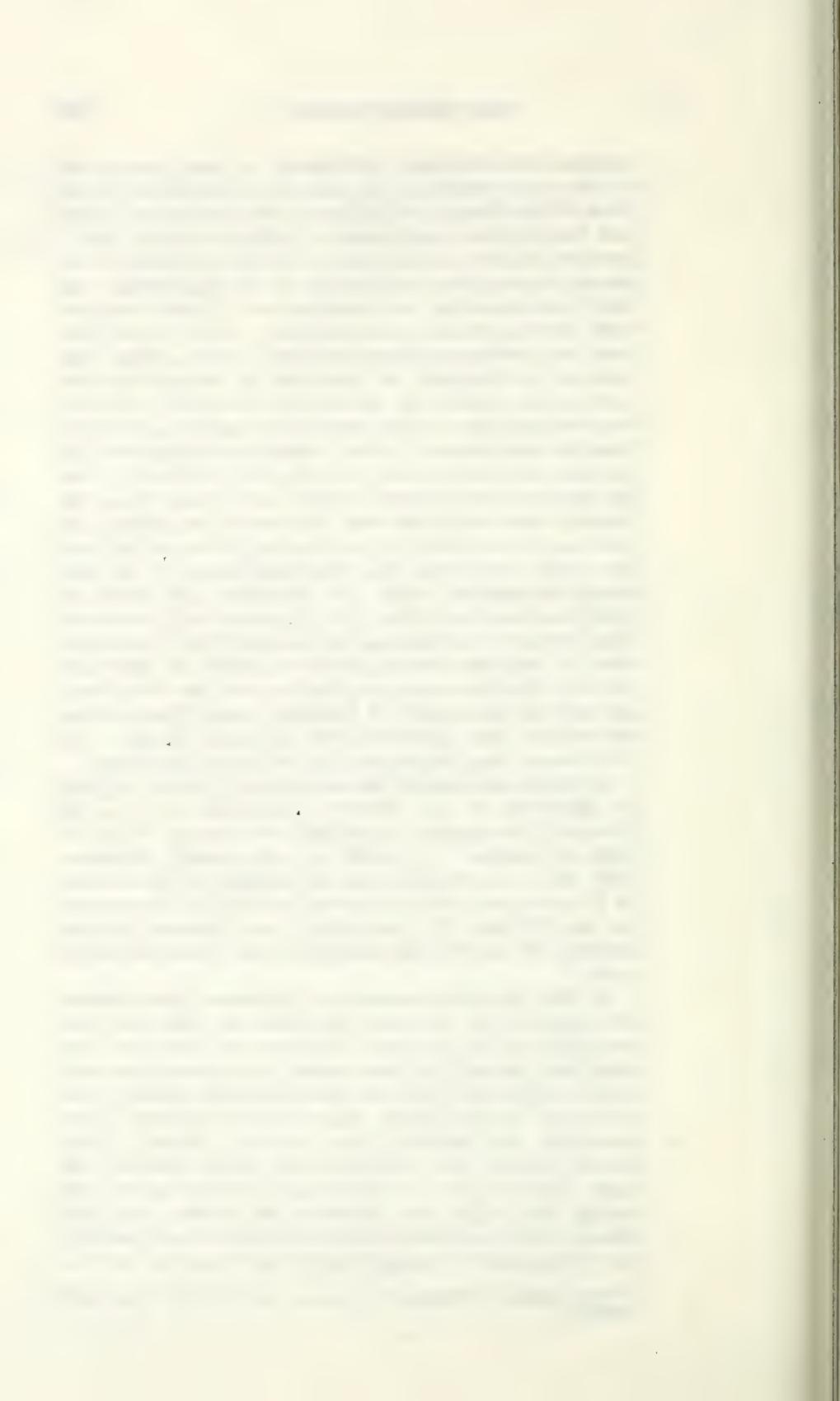


enemies, and who were determined to avail themselves of this unintentional delay for the destruction of the tribe of MacDonald, to William as not having submitted, and dwelling in a valley with a tribe no better than a band of robbers, and as being the only remaining obstacle to a complete pacification of the highlands. An order was issued for their extirpation. It was executed with horrible treachery and cruelty. A body of one hundred and twenty soldiers was sent, Feb. 1, 1692, commanded by Campbell, of Glenlyon, to occupy Glencoe. They came professing peace and friendship, and were received with the kindest hospitality, and for a fortnight lived at free quarters in the utmost familiarity with the people. On the evening of the 12th February, after the kindest entertainment at the MacDonald house, the playing cards with him and his family, an attack was made upon the chieftain; he was shot through the head, his family murdered, and the inhabitants of all ages cruelly massacred, with the intention, no doubt, to slaughter the whole tribe. Forty were actually murdered. The inclemency of the weather was such that the detachment of soldiers sent to guard the outlets of the valley did not arrive in season, so that most of the inhabitants, alarmed by the report of fire-arms, made their escape, not without many perishing with cold and hunger. No punishment was inflicted on the author of this crime.

A graphic account of the massacre of Glencoe is given by Macaulay in his *History of England*, Vol. 4, and Campbell has made it a subject of a poem, "The Pilgrim of Glencoe." A writer in *Blackwood's Magazine*, July, 1859, accuses Macaulay of partiality in his account of Glencoe, and charges the responsibility of the massacre on William III., acquitting him, however, of any intention of sanctioning treachery and breach of hospitality.\*

In this infamous massacre of Glencoe, John Moore, the progenitor of the race that came to this town, was shot dead in his garden. He was the father of two daughters, whose lives were saved by a servant who took care of them, and safely re. them from the country. One of them, Beatrix Moore, married Col. Andrew Todd, afterwards so famous in our colonial history. Mrs. Moore, finding her husband dead, after covering his body with a sheet, fled to a malt-kiln for safety, and during that night was delivered of a son, the John Moore who was one of the first settlers of Londonderry. She subsequently escaped safely, and took up her resi-

\* New American Cyclopedia, Vol. 8, p. 297. Art. "Britain" Encyclopedia Britannica.

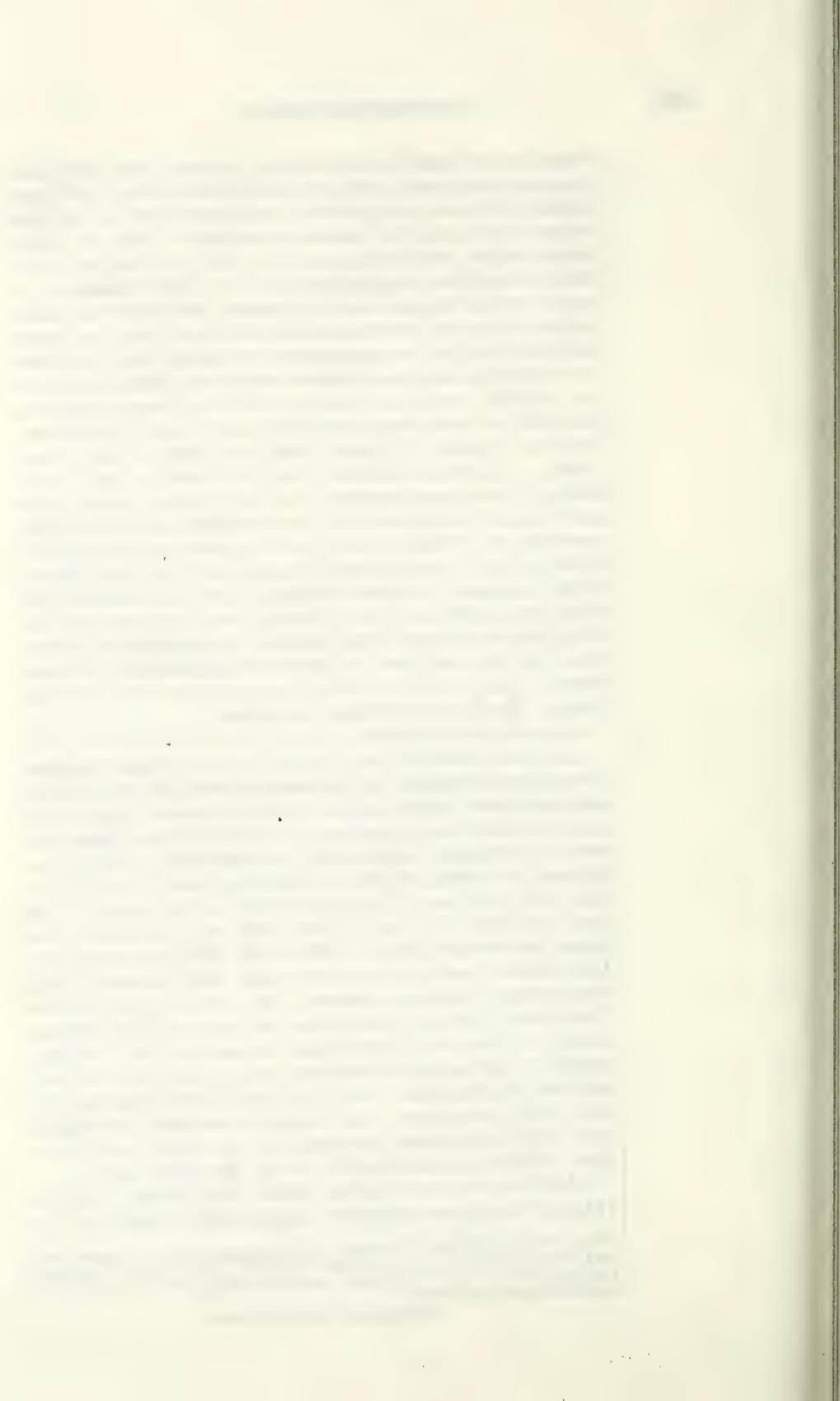


dence in or near Londonderry, Ireland, and here fortuitously met with her two daughters. In 1718 John Moore, her son, was among the emigrants in the five ships that came to America this year. He was with those under the charge of Rev. Mr. McGregor, who, with one of the ships, entered Casco Bay, intending to settle in that region, but who, having endured the hardships of a very severe winter, and not being satisfied with the land on the appearance of spring, they returned to Haverhill, and from thence made their first settlement in Nutfield, or Londonderry. He m. Janet Cochran, and left a family of four sons and three daughters: Robert, Samuel, William, John, and Agnes, Mary, and Ann. Of these, Samuel and William re. to Peterborough, and were patriotic and loyal men; while John and Robert remained in Londonderry, and were both reported as refusing to sign the Association Test, in April, 1776. John became a professed Tory, and Robert remained and d. in Londonderry. The old house is still standing in which John Moore lived, situated on the turnpike, about two miles south of the village of Derry; also the old well, and a huge elm planted by his own hands. For a time he was the king's surveyor of the town. He d. early in 1741, æ. 49 yrs.

I SAMUEL MOORE (Dea.) came to town from Londonderry about 1751 or '52, in company with Samuel Todd, and they fixed upon a plot of land situated in the west part of the town, lying on the Dublin line, extending over the river and embracing the meadows. They purchased the same of the proprietors, John Fowle, John Hill, and William Gridley for a crown an acre.\* By deed of Nov. 15, 1753, they held it in common ten years before they divided. When the division was made, Dea. Moore took the westerly part, and Samuel Todd the easterly, which occurred but a short time before Todd was killed by the falling of a tree. Dea. Moore lived on what was afterwards known as the "Spring place." He built a house here, long since demolished, and the site deserted. In 1779, he sold this place to Dr. Marshall Spring, and then began a new one just east of the Todd farm, since occupied by Benjamin and Jonathan Mitchell, where both he and his wife died.

After the birth of his first child, John Moore, Nov. 5, 1753, probably on account of apprehended danger of the

\* See Waverley Novels. *Chronicles of Canongate*, p. 121. "Go put your head under the belt of one of the race of Dermid, whose children murdered, yes," she added, with a wild shriek, "murdered your mothers, fathers, in their peaceful dwellings in Glencoe."



French and Indian war, he removed with his family to Londonderry, where he remained till after 1760. He returned sometime before 1763, being absent about six years, for he is elected one of the selectmen of this year. He was chosen as a representative to a meeting held at Exeter, Dec. 21, 1775, and was the first man to represent the town in any free meeting after the commencement of the Revolution. He was an influential man in town. Moderator in 1771, and also selectman, tithing-man, surveyor of highways at various times to 1783. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian church. He m. Margaret Morison, dau. John and Margaret Wallace Morison, Dec. 31, 1751, the same day that William Smith m. Elizabeth Morison, her sister.\* It is reported that the same night in which William Smith and Elizabeth Morison were married, Samuel Moore and Margaret Morison, who were present at the wedding in Londonderry, after all the ceremonies were over, mounted their horses and rode to Chester, where they were married by Justice Flagg, by a license.

This good man was a slave-holder, owning two slaves, Baker and Rose. He could not be esteemed a very hard master, as he sold his freedom to Baker, for which he never received any remuneration, and he provided for Rose in the following clause in his last will of Aug. 31, 1790: "And I do give and bequeath unto my said wife during her life my negro slave, Rose, and it is my will that my son Ebenezer shall maintain her as long as she lives." He d. Jan. 28, 1793, æ. 66 yrs.; b. Aug. 30, 1727. She d. April 29, 1811, æ. 84.

<sup>2</sup> †*John*, b. Nov. 5, 1753; m. Margaret Stuart.

<sup>3</sup> *William*, b. — ; re. to Frankfort, Me.

<sup>4</sup> †*Samuel*, b. June 10, 1756; m. Jenny Thompson.

<sup>5</sup> *Ann*, b. 1760; m. Thomas Steele.

<sup>6</sup> †*Ebenezer*, b. Nov. 5, 1764; m. Rosanna Duncan.

<sup>7</sup> *Margaret*, b. Feb. 26, 1767; m. John Jewett.

JOHN MOORE always lived in town, occupying a farm south of Reuben Washburn's farm, and north of the Carley place. He m. Margaret Stuart, dau. of Charles and Esther Ferguson Stuart. She m., 2d hus., Asa Evans, July 13, 1809; 3d hus., Richard Gilchrist, Sept. 15, 1816. She d. Aug. 7, 1818, æ. 50 yrs., 8 mos. He d. at Cambridge, N. Y., and was buried there, on his return from Saratoga Springs, where he had been for his health, July 7, 1800, æ. 46 yrs., 8 mos. He was a man



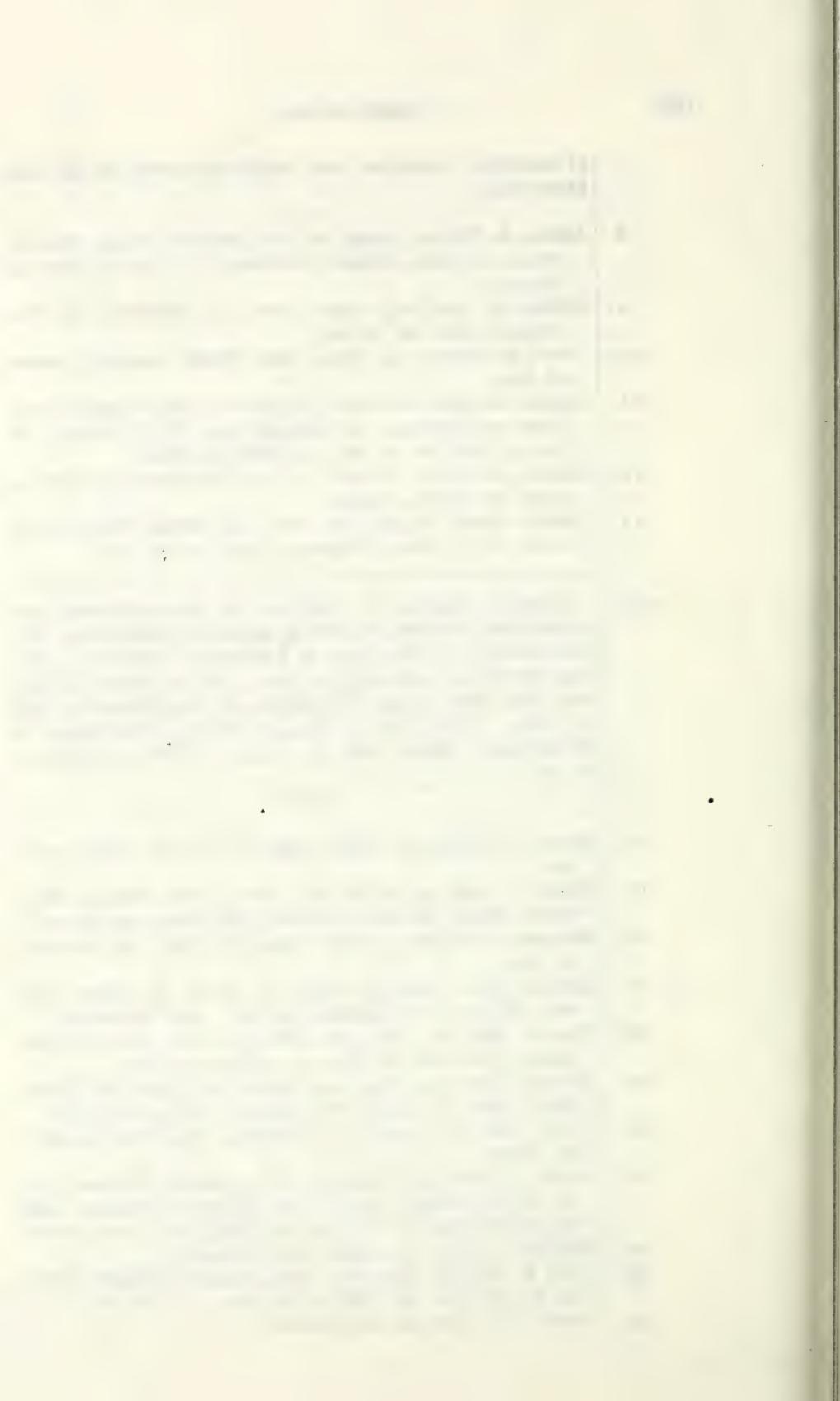
of excellent character, and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

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- 8 *Fanny*, b. Oct. 15, 1789 ; m. Dr. Jabez B. Priest, April 4, 1820 ; 2d hus., Samuel Holmes ; d. Jan. 6, 1875, æ. 85 yrs.
  - 9 *Sophia*, b. April 25, 1790 ; unm. ; d. Earlville, Ill., November, 1866, æ. 74 yrs.
  - 10 *John*, b. March 10, 1794 ; went West ; nothing known of him.
  - 11 *Samuel Morison*, b. Oct. 25, 1796 ; m. Mary Smith ; ch., John and S. Anna. S. Anna m. Hon. P. C. Cheney ; d. Jan. 7, 1858, æ. 27 yrs. ; r. Bronson, Mich.
  - 12 *Charles*, b. May 26, 1798 ; d. at Peterborough, Dec. 2, 1835, æ. 36 yrs., 6 mos.
  - 13 *Joseph Henry*, b. Aug. 25, 1800 ; m. Esther Pellet, Norwich, N. Y. ; he d. February, 1858, æ. 58 yrs.
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1- 4 SAMUEL MOORE, Jr. He lived in the north-west part of the town, on farm adjoining Reuben Washburn's. He was mustered in the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775 ; also served at Cambridge in 1775. He m. Jenny Thompson, dau. Dea. Robert Thompson, in Londonderry, July 24, 1784. He d. Feb. 5, 1844, æ. 87 yrs. She was b. in Bridgewater, Mass., Aug. 8, 1759 ; d. Dec. 13, 1831, æ. 72 yrs.

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- 14 *Mary*, b. June 10, 1785 ; unm. ; d. Oct. 3, 1852, æ. 67 yrs.
- 15 *Robert*, b. May 30, 1787 ; m., 1813, Avis Stearns, Waltham, Mass. ; d. New Orleans, July, 1820, æ. 33 yrs.
- 16 *Margaret*, b. May 2, 1789 ; unm. ; d. Nov. 23, 1860, æ. 71 yrs.
- 17 *Samuel F.*, b. July 13, 1791 ; m. Mary M. Talen, Liberty, Miss. ; d. at Alexandria, La. ; date unknown.
- 18 *Jane*, b. Sept. 28, 1793 ; m., Jan. 31, 1815, Harvey Lancaster, Acworth ; d. Dec. 13, 1821, æ. 28 yrs.
- 19 *John*, b. Dec. 31, 1795 ; m. Mehitable Foster, of Unity, May, 1824 ; d. at Acworth, Sept. 3, 1834, æ. 39 yrs.
- 20 *Ira*, b. Dec. 22, 1797 ; d. Lebanon, Ky., Oct. 12, 1825, æ. 28 yrs.
- 21 *Anson*, b. Sept. 16, 1800 ; m., 1825, Sarah Mattoon ; 2d w., Olive Tenney ; 3d w., Mrs. Esther Fairbanks. He d. in Edinburg, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1863, æ. 63 yrs., 2 mos.
- 22 *William*, b. Dec. 13, 1802 ; d. in infancy.
- 23 *Jesse*, b. Aug. 8, 1804 ; m., 1836, Nancy McGinty, Troy, N. Y. ; d. Jan. 29, 1866, æ. 62 yrs. ; r. Troy, N. Y.
- 24 *Sarah T.*, b. Jan. 8, 1807 ; unm.



1- 6 EBENEZER MOORE. He succeeded his father on the homestead. In 1813 he re. to Preble, N. Y., where he lived till his death. He m. Rosanna Duncan, dau. George Duncan, Sen. She d. in Preble, Sept. 30, 1842, æ. 77 yrs. He d. at Preble, April, 1851, æ. 86 yrs., 5 mos.

- 25 *Samuel*, b. 1793; d. Oct. 24, 1800, æ. 7 yrs.  
 26 *Adeliza*, b. 1794; m. Dr. Samuel Taggart; r. Byron, N. Y.  
 27 *George*, b. Feb. 9, 1797; m. Polly Cummings; r. Belvidere, Ill. Two ch.  
 28 *Margaret*, b. 1800; m. Abraham Woodward; r. Belvidere, Ill.  
 29 *Ebenezer*, b. 1802; m. Sally Cummings; r. Preble; d. in Belvidere, Ill., 1870, æ. 68 yrs.  
 30 *Samuel*, b. May 5, 1806; m. Mary Ann Steele; 2 w., Mary Bennie; 3d w., Belle Thayer; r. Belvidere, Ill. One ch.

WILLIAM MOORE was a brother of Dea. Samuel Moore, and son of John and Jean Moore, b. Sept. 26, 1731,\* in Londonderry. He settled in south part of the town, on the farm now occupied by Dea. Nathaniel H. Moore and his son William. We find in the register office for Rockingham County, Exeter, a deed recorded from John Hill to Halbert Morison, No. 37, two divisions of two hundred and three acres, dated July 5, 1753, and of the same date, Lot No. 33, two divisions of two hundred and forty-five acres, to Thomas Morison. We suppose the farm was deeded to Wm. Moore by Halbert Morison. William Moore m. Jane Holmes, dau. of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Holmes, and sister of Dea. Nathaniel Holmes, in Londonderry, Dec. 13, 1763. She was b. Jan. 16, 1744, and d. Aug. 22, 1831, æ. 87 yrs., 7 mos. He d. Sept. 7, 1818, æ. 87 yrs. It is supposed that he came to town about the time of his marriage, 1763. He was made selectman in 1769, and perhaps in 1770. The record of this year is missing.

The following singular incident and coincidence is worthy of notice, as having occurred in the experience of Mrs. Moore. Great reliance, in our early settlements, was placed on the household manufactures, for thrift and success in life. The new country was well adapted to the flax culture, and they brought such skill and industry to its manufacture that they afforded the best and the most perfect linen fabrics.

When a family had accumulated some two hundred yards of linen cloth, the woman of the house took the same on horseback, and started for a market, all alone

\*Town Records, Londonderry.



and unprotected. Such a thing as an insult or a robbery of these unprotected females was never heard of. Having sold her cloth, and received for the same such necessaries as they needed, a part in money to pay mortgages or educate their children abroad, she returned home. It is related by George W. Moore, Esq., a grandson, as follows: My grandmother (about 1786 or '88) went to Boston with a load of cloth, and on entering a public house in Cambridgeport, she found her mother, Mrs. Duncan, of Londonderry, who had married Maj. Duncan for her second husband. After the usual friendly greetings and inquiries concerning friends, a third person entered the room, who proved to be my grandmother's daughter, Anna, who had married Daniel Moore, and lived in Bradford, Vt. Here three generations unexpectedly met, without any knowledge of each other's being there. The next day, the daughter, mother, and grandmother pursued their journey home together to Peterborough.

Mr. Moore served in the French and Indian wars before he came to Peterborough. He was a drummer; and subsequently in Peterborough he was a lieutenant in the militia under Capt. Alexander Robbe. He did not render much military service during the Revolution, having been in feeble health in consequence of an injury received in early life. But his whole heart and soul were in the enterprise, and he made every effort in his power in its behalf.

The following anecdote is furnished me by George W. Moore, Esq., a grandson of William Moore:—

"My grandfather Moore was a firm supporter of the war of the Revolution, and a great admirer of Washington. The name of Washington was a new name in New England, and was considered a very awkward one, until the war made it famous throughout the land. On the birth of his first son after the war commenced, my grandfather decided that his name should be Washington; but the mother was opposed to the name, and mentioned the names of William, Samuel, and Robert as much more appropriate. The time came when the child was to be baptized, and, as usual on such occasions, the ladies gathered round the door of the church to see the baby.

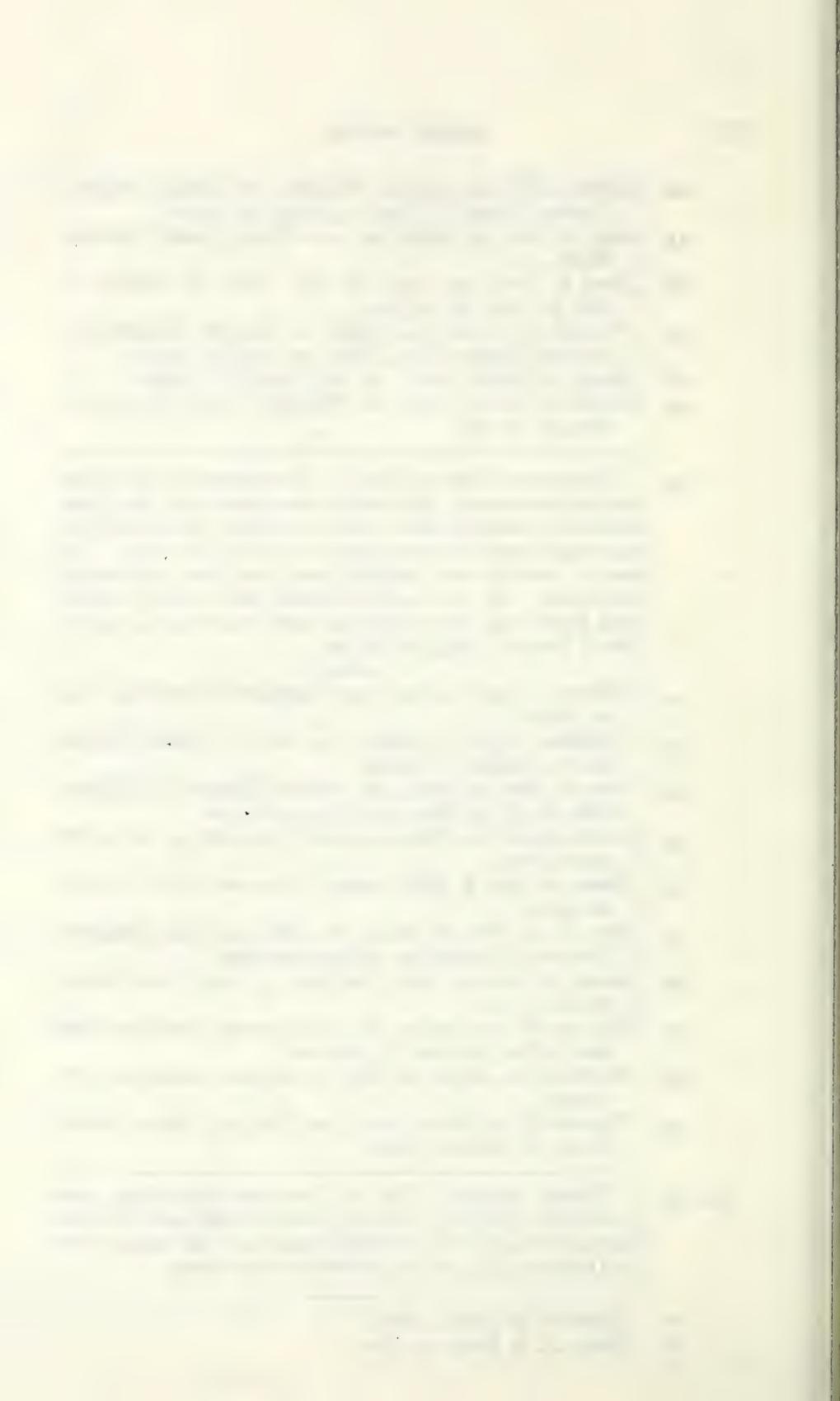
"Granny Duncan asked what they were going to call him, and my grandmother told her, that his name was to be Washington. Mrs. Duncan said it was a pity to spoil so fine a baby with such a terribly awkward name. My grandmother decided to make one more effort to prevent his name being Washington; and as they were

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about to enter the door of the church, she put on one of her pleasantest smiles, and placing her hand very affectionately upon his arm, she said: 'Billy, ye will not call the baby Washington, will you?' 'Indeed, I will! If I had forty children to be baptized here to-day, I would call them all Washington.'

He bought his farm of Halbert Morison, and for more than one hundred and twelve years, it has been deeded from sire to son, through four generations, and yet remains in the family. The first house was built on the highest knoll west of the railroad, in the interval or meadow belonging to the farm. Mrs. Moore was a notable and eminently Christian woman, and has impressed her virtues on a long line of descendants. No drunkenness, immorality, or profanity has ever appeared in the race. The religious element has largely abounded, and the influence of the family is everywhere moral and good.

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- 31 *Ann*, b. Oct. 1, 1764; m. Daniel Moore; r. Bradford, Vt.; d. May 24, 1824, æ. 59 yrs., 7 mos.
- 32 *Betsey*, b. Aug. 10, 1766; m. John Coughran; r. Attica, N. Y.; d. Aug. 16, 1847, æ. 81 yrs.
- 33 †*John*, b. May 10, 1768; m. Belinda Bardwell; r. Whately, Mass.
- 34 †*Nathaniel*, b. March 28, 1770; m. Sarah Ferguson.
- 35 *Euphamia*, b. May 11, 1772; m. Orange Bardwell; r. Whately; d. June 26, 1847, æ. 75 yrs.
- 36 *Jenny*, born June 3, 1774; m. William Smith.
- 37 *Sally*, b. July 5, 1776; m. George Gregg; re. to New York; d. Nov. 23, 1838, æ. 62 yrs.
- 38 *Washington*, b. Sept. 25, 1778; m. Susanna Rice, of Conway; re. to Michigan; d. May 25, 1856, æ. 78 yrs.
- 39 *Nancy*, b. Aug. 19, 1780; d. March 6, 1801, æ. 21 yrs.
- 40 *Mary*, b. Aug. 22, 1782; d. May 20, 1785, æ. 2 yrs., 8 mos.
- 41 *Mary*, b. May 6, 1785; m. Wirling Gregg; r. Sharon; d. Dec. 3, 1857, æ. 72 yrs.
- 42 *William*, b. April 9, 1787; m. Lucy Rice, Nov. 7, 1806; 2d w., Mrs. Sally Holmes, wid. of Nathaniel Holmes, Jr., April 17, 1847; r. Moorsville, Mich.; ten ch.; d. Dec. 4, 1850, æ. 63 yrs.
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- 2- 33 JOHN MOORE. He early re. to Whately, Mass. He m. Belinda Bardwell. She d. Sept. 6, 1851, æ. 80 yrs., 6 mos. He d. Nov. 7, 1803, æ. 35 yrs., 6 mos.
- 43 *Polly*, b. Dec. 1, 1793, at Whately; m., July 17, 1810, Thomas Dinsmore, Jaffrey; d. February, 1875, æ. 81 yrs.





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- 62 James, b. May 8, 1832 ; d. Sept. 13, 1852, æ. 20 yrs.  
 63 Sarah Jane, b. June 20, 1838.  
 64 Charles N., } b. Feb. 22, 1842.  
 65 Lottie E., }
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34- 51 WILLIAM MOORE. He was a machinist, and carried on a large and extensive machine-shop in town for many years. He was a worthy and exemplary man. He was deacon in the Congregational Church (Unitarian); he also held many important town offices. He was treasurer of the town for five years from 1838, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1838, '39. He m., 1st w., Caroline Robbe, dau. of Capt. Alexander Robbe, April 16, 1829; she d. Dec. 6, 1839, æ. 31 yrs.; m., 2d w., May 14, 1840, Rachel P. Robbe, dau. of above. He d. of consumption, Nov. 11, 1848, æ. 46 yrs.

- 66 Sarah C., b. June 1, 1830 ; d. Dec. 3, 1852, æ. 22 yrs.  
 67 Jane M., b. July 3, 1832 ; m., June 11, 1856, Parker W. Burnham ; ch., (1) Sarah C., b. Nov. 4, 1859 ; (2) William H., b. Sept. 28, 1863 ; (3) Edward M., b. April 21, 1871 ; r. Adrian, Mich.  
 68 William H., b. Feb. 22, 1835 ; d. Jan. 23, 1840, æ. 4 yrs., 11 mos.  
 69 Ellen, b. June 30, 1838 ; d. Aug. 19, 1839, æ. 1 yr.
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34- 53 NATHANIEL H. MOORE succeeded his father on the homestead. Is a successful farmer. A deacon in the Union Evangelical Church in town; has held many important offices in town; Representative to the Legislature in 1865, '66. He m. Bethiah Hunt, dau. of Dea. Timothy Hunt, Dec. 1, 1831.

- 70 Julia, b. March 6, 1835 ; m.. Rev. Cyrus Jordan ; d. March, 1874, æ. 39 yrs.  
 71 Henry, b. May 6, 1838 ; d. June 27, 1863, at Milliken's Bend, La., æ. 25 yrs. He belonged to Co. C, 118th Regt. Ill. Vols., U. S. service.  
 72 George, b. Feb. 12, 1842 ; d. at Cincinnati, O., May 5, 1867, æ. 25 yrs. He graduated at Dartmouth College, 1866 ; was engaged in teaching.  
 73 William, b. April 24, 1844 ; m. Ellen E. Mower, of Jaffrey, Dec. 31, 1874, and occupies the homestead.
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34- 57 GEORGE WASHINGTON MOORE. He r. in Medina, Mich.; m., Aug. 29, 1837, Caroline Morison, dau. of Capt. Nathaniel Morison; she d. March 17, 1849, æ. 35 yrs., 8 mos.; m. 2d w., Harriet P. Bigelow; 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., two ch. He has furnished much in-



formation in relation to the early history of the town, which has been embodied in this work.

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| 74 | <i>† William C.</i> , b. Nov. 1, 1841; d. May 7, 1866, æ. 25 yrs.    |
| 75 | <i>Nathaniel M.</i> , b. April 18, 1843; d. April 5, 1850, æ. 7 yrs. |
| 76 | <i>Emily C.</i> , b. Nov. 20, 1845; m. George A. Phelps; one ch.     |
| 77 | <i>George D.</i> , b. Feb. 27, 1853.                                 |
| 78 | <i>Harriet S.</i> , b. March 10, 1860.                               |
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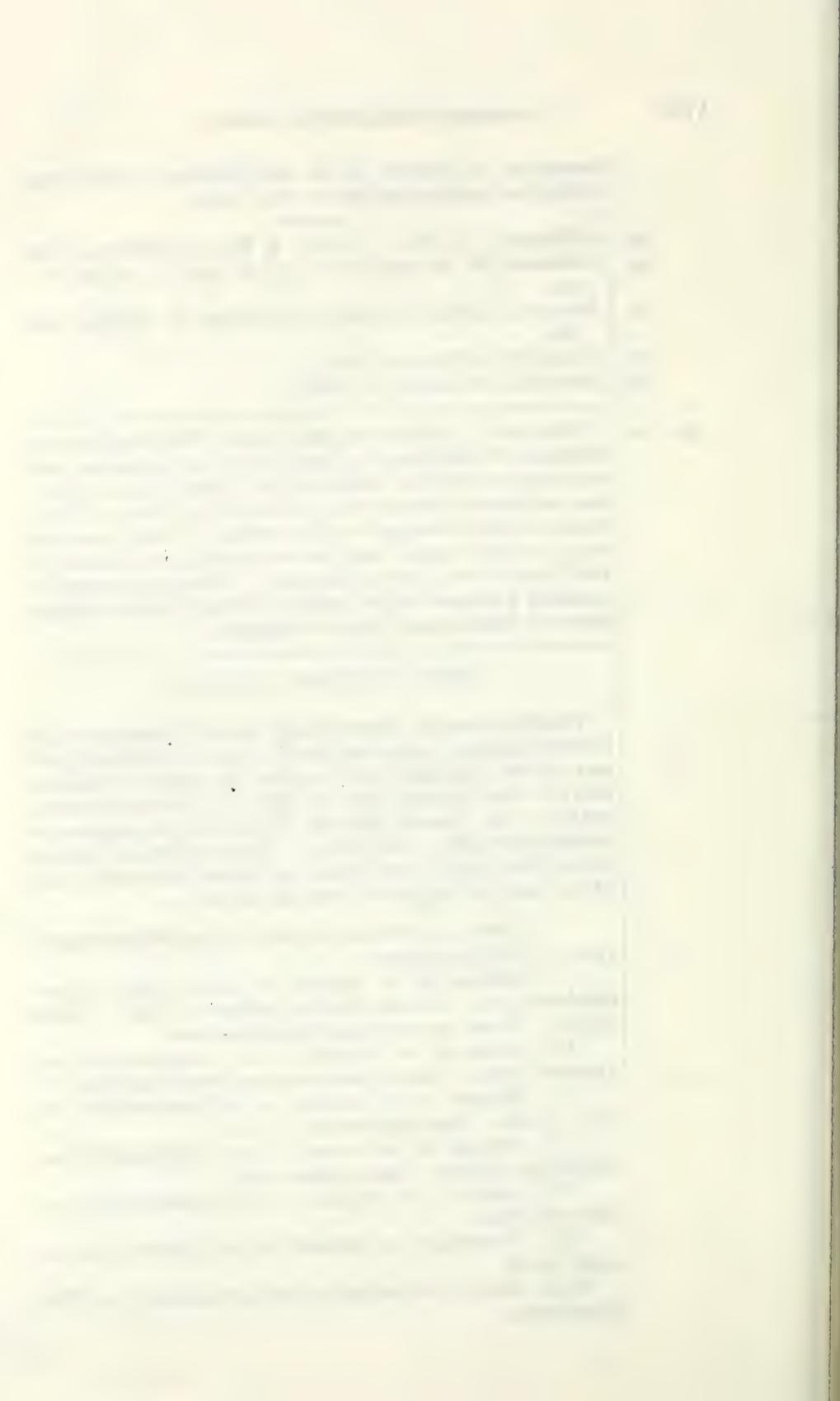
57- 74 WILLIAM C. MOORE enlisted in the First Regiment of Michigan Volunteers in May, 1861; was wounded and captured at the first battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861; was maltreated and starved in the Libby Prison at Richmond; was exchanged in the spring of 1862; immediately enlisted again, was made captain, and served in the West till the close of the war. He was drowned in crossing a stream in the Indian Territory, while taking a drove of cattle from Texas to Kansas.

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#### THE MORISON FAMILY.

The Morisons of Peterborough are all descendants of Samuel Morison, who lived in the North of Ireland, and was driven with his family under the walls of Londonderry in that famous siege of 1688, '89, by the infamous order of the French General Rosen, for the purpose of inducing the city to surrender. His son John, if indeed not all the family, were admitted within the walls. He had a family of eight children, as follows:—

- I. John, b. 1678, in Ireland; d. in Peterborough, June 14, 1776, æ. 98 yrs.
- II. Martha, b. in Ireland; d. June, 1738, in Londonderry; m. Thomas Steele, father of Capt. David Steele. Issue, four sons and two daughters.
- III. James, b. in Ireland; d. in Londonderry; m. Janette Steele. Issue, three sons and two daughters.
- IV. Halbert, b. in Ireland; d. in Londonderry; m. — Steele. Had children by 3d wife.
- V. Samuel, b. in Ireland; d. in Londonderry; m. Catharine Allison. Issue, three sons.
- VI. Joseph, b. in Ireland; d. in Londonderry; m. Mary Holmes.
- VII. Hannah, b. in Ireland; d. in Chester; m. Andrew Mack.
- VIII. Mary, b. in Ireland; d. in Londonderry; m. Wm. Clendenin.



It is supposed that the parents, Samuel Morison and wife, did not leave Ireland, though all their children emigrated to America, and were among the first settlers of Londonderry.

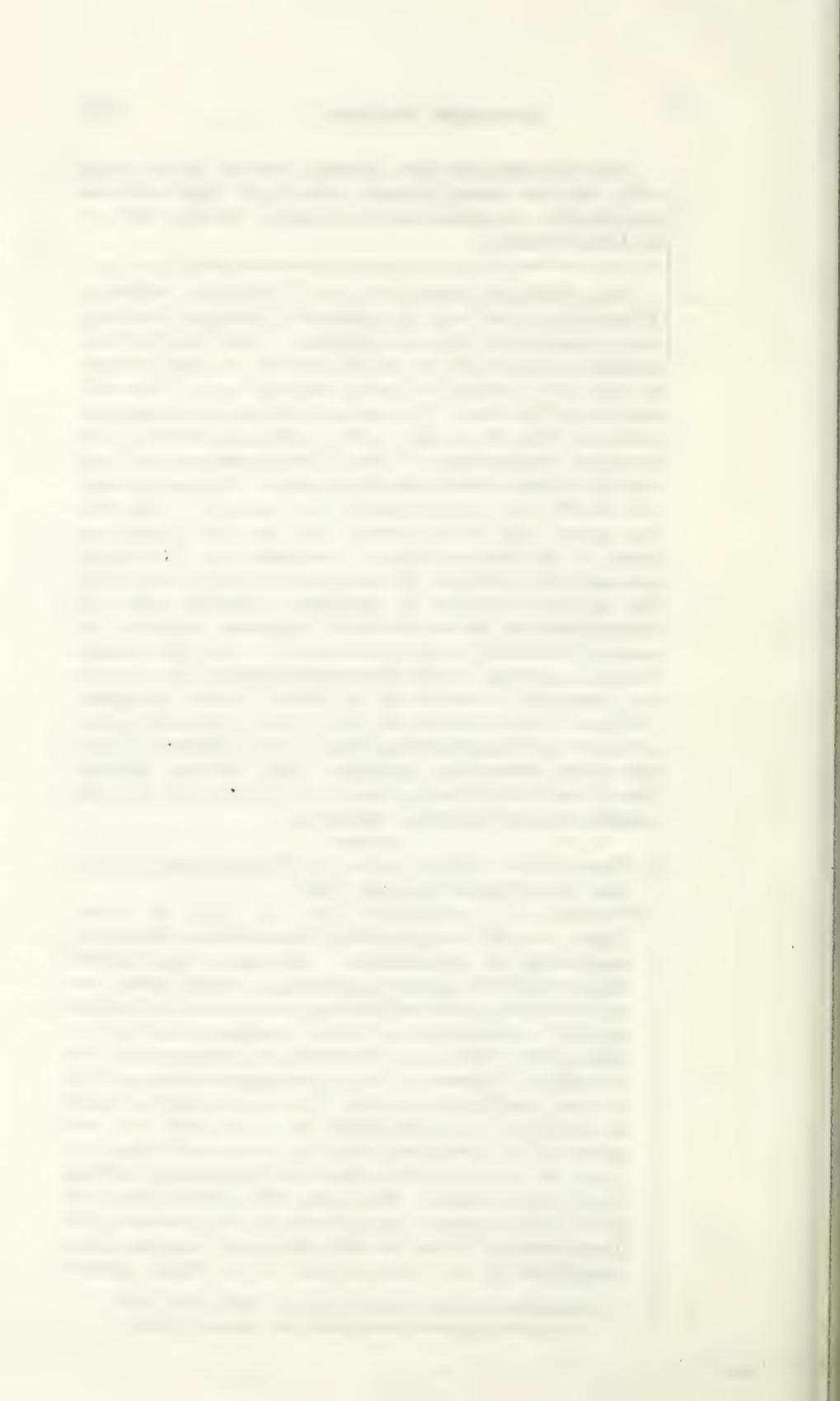
<sup>1</sup> JOHN MORISON, above, was one of the first settlers of Londonderry, and was the father of Jonathan Morison, the first male child born in that town. After living in Londonderry some thirty years, he removed to Peterborough in 1750 or '51, with his family, and was one of the early settlers of this town. He was seventy-one or seventy-two years old when he came to town. It is said of him in the sketch of Peterborough,\* "Mr. Morison retained his faculties till within a short time of his death. He was remarkably intelligent, and his memory very retentive. He, with his parents and family, was in the city, and his age ten years, at the famous siege of Londonderry. The trying scenes he witnessed in youth, a peculiar native eloquence, his pleasing urbanity of manners, venerable age, and correctness and respectability of character, rendered his society interesting and instructive."† It is not strange that he emigrated to Peterborough so late in life, since he was preceded by nearly all his family. He m. Margaret Wallace. She d. April 18, 1769, æ. 82 yrs. By a plan of the town, it is ascertained that John Morison occupied the place where his grandson, Dea. Robert Morison lived; and he d. here June 14, 1776, æ. 98 yrs., the oldest man ever known in the town.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>f</sup> Thomas, b. in Ireland, 1710; m. Mary Smith, b. 1720, dau. Robert and Elizabeth Smith.

<sup>3</sup> Jonathan, b. in Londonderry, Sept. 18, 1719; m. Nancy Tufts, a match not particularly favorable to his peace, happiness, or respectability. He was a highly gifted man, with great ingenuity, generous in the extreme, but unfortunately possessed of what is too often the curse of superior endowments, a violent temper and a want of self-control, which sometimes led to intemperance (see Centennial Address). For a considerable time, he was the only mechanic in town. He could turn his hand to any trade or mechanical art. The first saw and grist mill in town was built by Jonathan Morison, in 1751, on the spot where the first Peterborough cotton factory now stands. He is reported to have been one of the best extempore speakers in the town meetings in Londonderry, before he left that town; and on these occasions he was always sure to be pitted against

\* Historical Account of Peterborough, by Rev. Elijah Dunbar, 1822.

† For further account of John Morison, see Centennial Address.

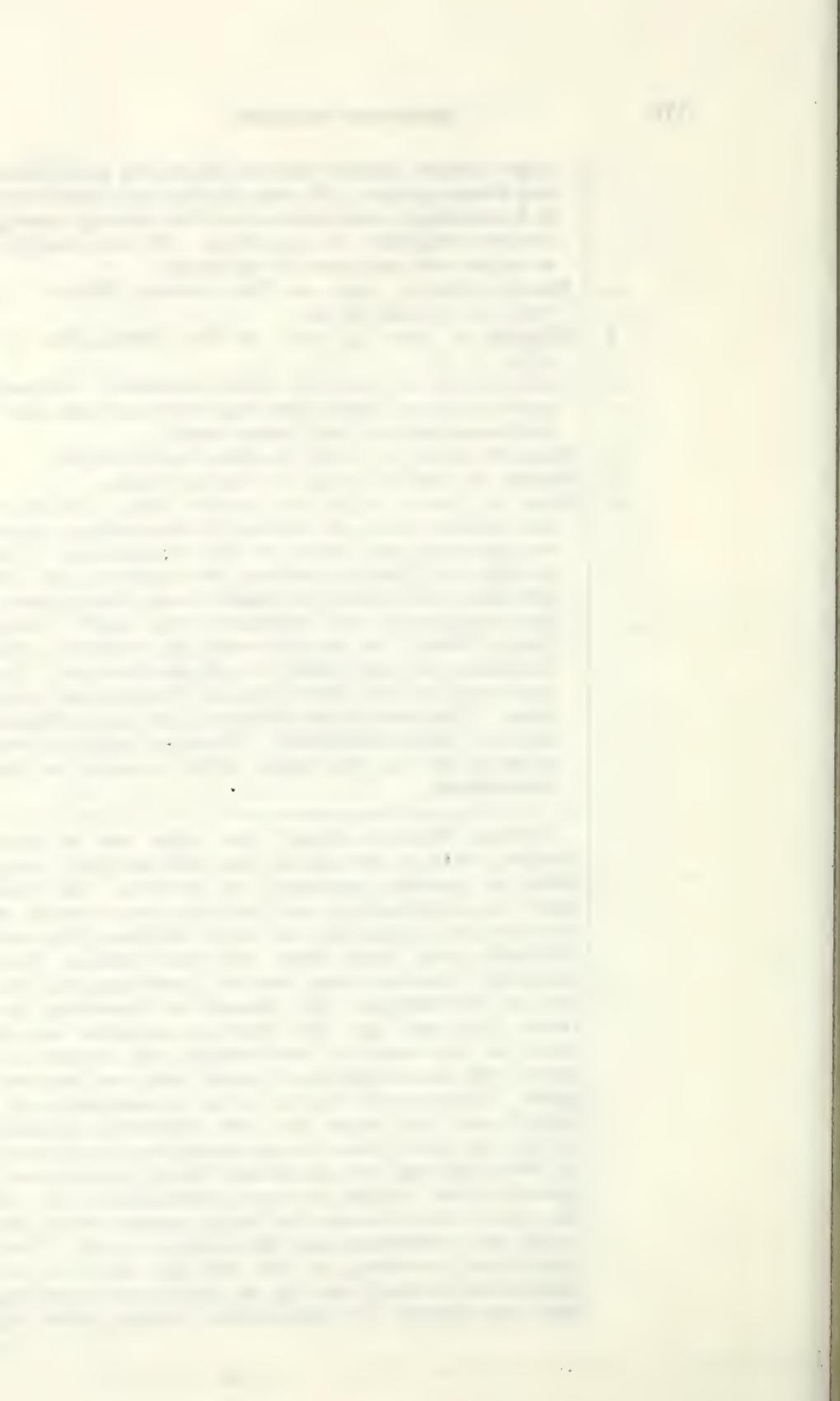


Capt. Samuel Allison, who was an equally good talker and fluent speaker. He was the first male child born in Londonderry, and removed to Peterborough among the first emigrants in 1749 or '50. We are uncertain as to the time and place of his death.

- 4 *Jane*, b. April 6, 1721; m. Dea. Samuel Mitchell; d. Nov. 11, 1791, æ. 70 yrs.
- 5 *Elizabeth*, b. June 11, 1723; m. Wm. Smith, Dec. 31, 1751.
- 6 *John*, b. Sept. 20, 1725; m. Mary Anderson. He emigrated to Nova Scotia after beginning the farm afterwards occupied by Dea. Robert Smith.
- 7 *Margaret*, b. Feb. 13, 1727; m. Dea. Samuel Moore.
- 8 *Hannah*, b. April 10, 1730; m. Samuel Todd.
- 9 *Moses*, b. June 7, 1732; m. Rachel Todd. Tradition has handed down any amount of the sayings, queer exaggerations, and humor of this strange man. It is for this only that his memory has survived him. It grew into a habit with the people to say, when extravagant expressions and statements were heard, "Like Uncle Mosey," so peculiar were the witticisms and the strange fun with which he always abounded. He lived near the Half Moon Pond, in Hancock, and died there. The place is now abandoned, and all the buildings have been demolished. He left a family, but we know of no one who could furnish a record of his descendants.

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THOMAS MORISON (Capt.), the eldest son of John Morison, was b. in Ireland in 1710, and was quite young when his parents emigrated to America. He first settled in Londonderry, and probably was married at that time, as it is said that two of the children, John and Elizabeth, were born there, and that Robert, Margaret, and Jonathan were born in Lunenburg, and the rest in Peterborough. He removed to Lunenburg between 1744 and '45. We have no authentic record when he first came to Peterborough, but suppose he came from Lunenburg, and cleared land and returned again. It was not till 1743 or '44 that he came with a Mr. Russell, and they began the farm afterwards occupied by him, and built there a camp, about twenty rods north of where the long barn on Samuel McCoy's farm stood, against a large boulder, having a perpendicular side on the east, of six or seven feet height, against which the camp was constructed and the camp-fire built. They came from Lunenburg, on foot, with axes, packs of provisions, and cooking utensils on their backs, threading their way through the unfrequented forests, guided by



blazed trees. The large boulder served, with its vertical face, to shelter and support the camp, and furnished it with a fire-place and chimney.

It is related in a manuscript account of this affair, by the late Samuel Smith, Esq., that when they went out one morning they perceived two Indian men, a squaw, and a small Indian. They intended to be friendly, and spoke to them, and invited them to take breakfast with them, which they did. After the departure of the Indians they went out to their work, but when they returned for dinner they found that the Indians had stolen every mouthful of their eatables and disappeared. They immediately set out for Townsend, not being able to obtain the least sustenance till they reached that place. They came again to work in the fall or winter, at which time all the inhabitants were frightened away, and left the town till 1749. This year, 1749, Morison came back again, and built a house of hard pine logs ten inches square, and moved his family here in the fall of 1750. He resided on his farm till his death, Nov. 23, 1797, æ. 87 yrs.

The bridge across the Contoocook at the South Village was built in 1765. The house occupied by Simeon Forbush and Betty and Sally Morison was built the same year. It was the second two-story house built in town. He erected his first saw-mill in 1759, which was burnt and not rebuilt till 1767. This was the second saw-mill in town. At the first meeting of the town after incorporation, he was elected one of the selectmen, with Hugh Wilson, Jonathan Morison, Joseph Caldwell, and John Swan, Jr. He was subsequently elected, in the years 1765, '66, and 1773, to the same office. He m. Mary Smith, dau. Robert and Elizabeth Smith, at Lunenburg, Mass., Oct. 2, 1739. She was b. in Ireland, and d. in Peterborough, Dec. 29, 1799, æ. 87 yrs.

- 10 †*John*, b. Londonderry, July 8, 1740; m. Agnes Hogg; 2d w., Lydia Mason; 3d w., Jenny Gray.
- 11 *Elizabeth*, b. Londonderry, Aug. 8, 1742; unm.; d. Jan. 15, 1831, æ. 88 yrs.
- 12 †*Robert*, b. Lunenburg, Nov. 29, 1744; m. Elizabeth Holmes.
- 13 *Margaret*, b. Lunenburg, Nov. 10, 1746; m. Matthew Wallace; r. Vermont.
- 14 *Jonathan*, b. Lunenburg, March 16, 1749; unm.
- 15 *Thomas*, b. Peterborough, April 20, 1751; m. Jerusha Field; re. to Buxton, Me.
- 16 *Sally*, b. Peterborough, Dec. 22, 1756; unm.; d. Oct. 12, 1840, æ 84 yrs.



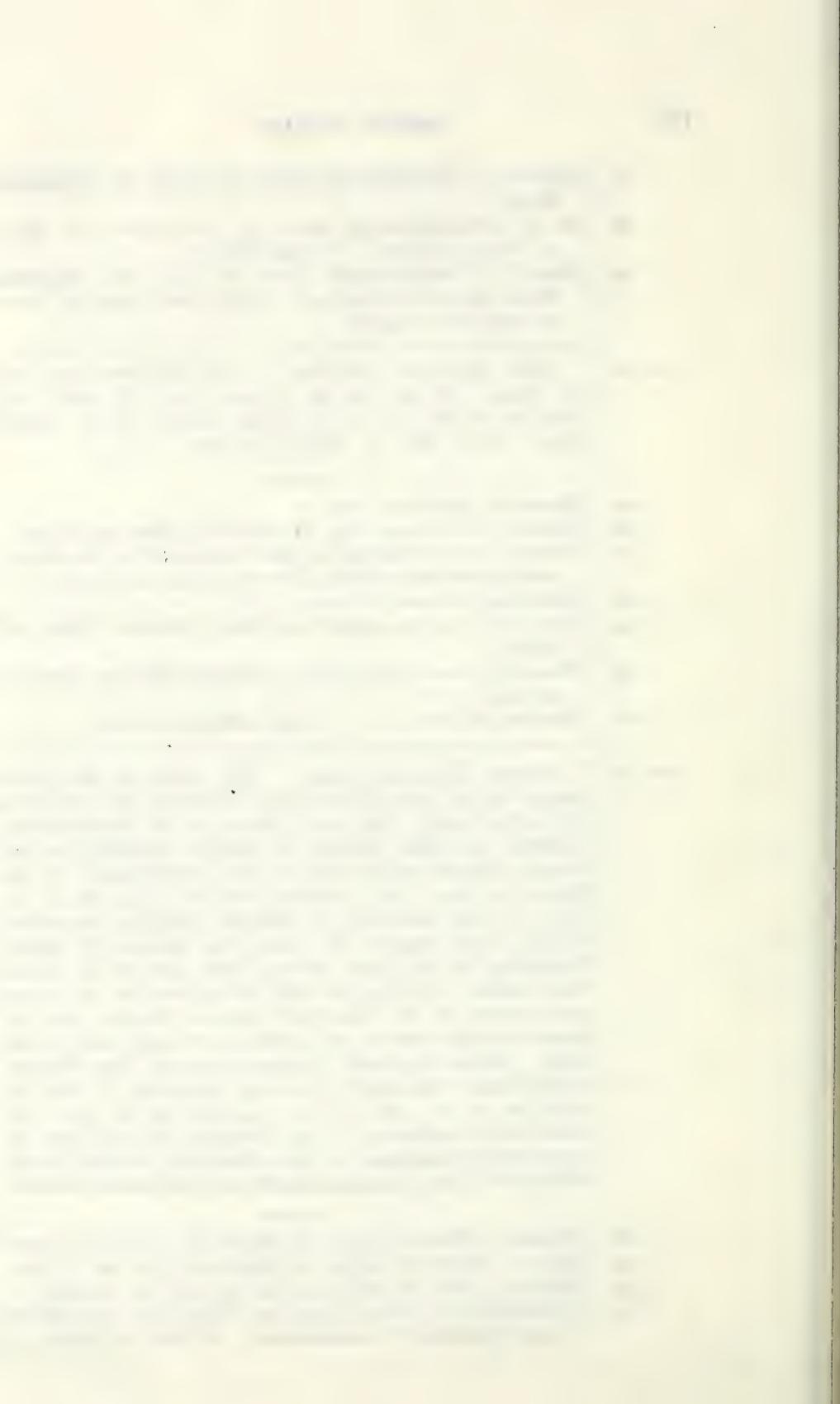
- 17 †*Samuel*, b. Peterborough, April 16, 1758; m. Elizabeth Smith.  
 18 *Mary*, b. Peterborough, May 14, 1760; unm.; d. Aug. 20, 1819, æ. 59 yrs. "Aunt Polly."  
 19 *Ezekiel*, b. Peterborough, June 27, 1762; m. Hannah Ames, sister to Isabel and Sally Ames, wives of Robert and James Smith.

**2- 10** JOHN MORISON. He lived in the south-west part of the town. He m., 1st w., Agnes Hogg; d. April 27, 1777, æ. 27 yrs.; m., 2d w., Lydia Mason; 3d w., Jenny Gray. He d. May 25, 1818, æ. 78 yrs.

- 20 Joseph, b. April 30, 1773.  
 21 Thomas, b. April 21, 1775; d. Feb. 23, 1801, æ. 26 yrs.  
 22 John, b. — ; drowned in the Nubanusit in the meadows above the factories, July 10, 1828, æ. 31 yrs.  
 23 Jonathan, b. — ; d. — .  
 24 Jane, b. — ; m., April 20, 1824, Matthew Hale, of Hollis.  
 25 Thomas, b. — ; d. at Dea. J. Field's, Oct. 31, 1825, æ. 22 yrs.  
 26 Matthew, b. — . (27) Mary, b. — .

**2- 12** ROBERT MORISON (Dea.). He lived on the place begun by his grandfather, John Morison, and which is yet in the family. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, but when elected we cannot ascertain, as the church records were burnt in the conflagration of his house, in 1791. At a meeting of the town, Sept. 30, 1793, it was voted to pay Robert Morison seventeen dollars, with interest till paid, that amount of money belonging to the town having been lost in his house when burnt. In 1791, he built on a new site the house now owned by the family of Horace Morison, the old house having stood in the field a few rods east of the road. He m. Elizabeth Holmes, sister of Dea. Nathaniel Holmes. She was b. June 23, 1754, and d. May 17, 1808, æ. 55 yrs. He d. Feb. 13, 1826, æ. 82 yrs. He was chosen a deacon in Mr. Dunbar's church, Nov. 28, 1799, being associated in this office with William Smith, William McNay, Jonathan Smith, and Nathaniel Holmes.

- 28 Thomas, b. Dec. 25, 1774; d March 26, 1775, æ. 3 mos.  
29 Mary, b. March 26, 1776; d. April 12, 1776, æ. 17 dys.  
30 Stephen, b. Nov. 8, 1777; d. Oct. 9, 1778, æ. 11 mos.  
31 †Nathaniel, b. Oct. 9, 1779; m., Sept. 13, 1804, Mary  
Ann Hopkins, of Londonderry; d. Sept. 11, 1819.



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| 32 | <i>Jonathan,</i>   | b. March 11, 1782; | m. Rebecca Rockwood;<br>he d. April 11, 1832, æ.<br>50 yrs.; r. Greenfield. |
| 33 | <i>David,</i>  |                    | d. May 6, 1782, æ. 56<br>dys.   |
| 34 | † <i>Robert,</i> b. May 8, 1784; m. Betsey Spring.   |                    |   |
| 35 | <i>Smith,</i> b. Aug. 16, 1786; d. Dec. 20, 1786, æ. 4 mos.  |                    |   |
| 36 | <i>Betsey,</i> b. Nov. 8, 1787; m. William Graham, May 13,<br>1806. She d. Oct. 30, 1843, æ. 56 yrs. |                    |   |
| 37 | <i>Ezekiel,</i> b. Nov. 16, 1792; d. Sept. 11, 1823, at Green-<br>ville, Miss., æ. 30 yrs., 10 mos.  |                    |   |

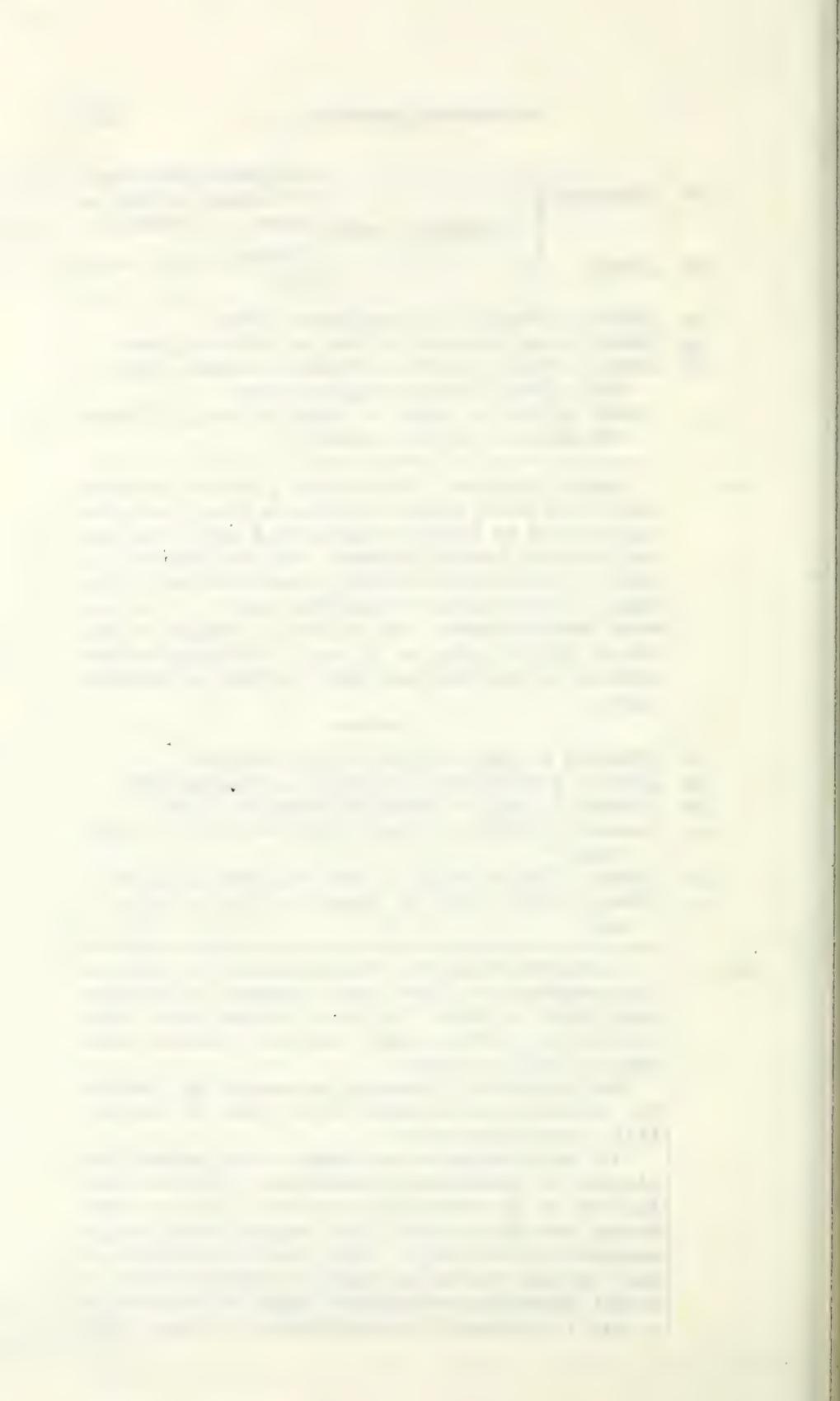
2- 17 SAMUEL MORISON. He occupied a place in the south part of the town, begun by Gustavus Swan, and afterwards owned by Matthew Wallace, and next came into the hands of Samuel Morison. He lived here till his death. He m. Elizabeth Smith, dau. of William Smith, Esq.; all their ch. but the son, who d. at 7 yrs. of age, were born *deaf-mutes*. He d. Nov. 24, 1837, æ. 79 yrs. She d. May 21, 1833, æ. 75 yrs. The daughters were educated at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, at Hartford, Conn.

- 38 *Elizabeth*, b. 1789; d. Sept. 22, 1791, æ 2 yrs.  
 39 *Mary*, b. June 28, 1791; d. Nov. 15, 1854, æ. 63 yrs.  
 40 *Hannah*, b. 1793; d. March 16, 1809, æ. 16 yrs.  
 41 *Samuel*, b. March 10, 1795; d. Oct. 26, 1802, æ. 7 yrs.,  
     7 mos.  
 42 *Sarah*, b. Oct. 26, 1799; d. Sept. 15, 1868, æ. 69 yrs.  
 43 *Eliza*, b. July 1, 1801; d. March 13, 1875, æ. 73 yrs., 8  
     mos.

**2-31** NATHANIEL MORISON. He succeeded his father on the homestead; m. Mary Ann Hopkins, of Londonderry, Sept. 13, 1804. He d. at Natchez, Miss., Sept. 11, 1819, æ. 39 yrs., 11 mos. She d. at Medina, Mich., Aug. 27, 1848, æ. 69 yrs.

For the following interesting account of the family of Mr. Morison, I am indebted to Rev. John H. Morison, D.D., one of the sons :—

"Of my ancestors on my father's side beyond John Morison, my grandfather's grandfather, I know nothing. He lived to be ninety-eight years old. For many years he was looked up to with great respect by the younger members of the family. From what I could learn, I have inferred that he was a man of sound judgment, of a mild disposition, and a natural dignity of character,—a man to command the confidence of others. The

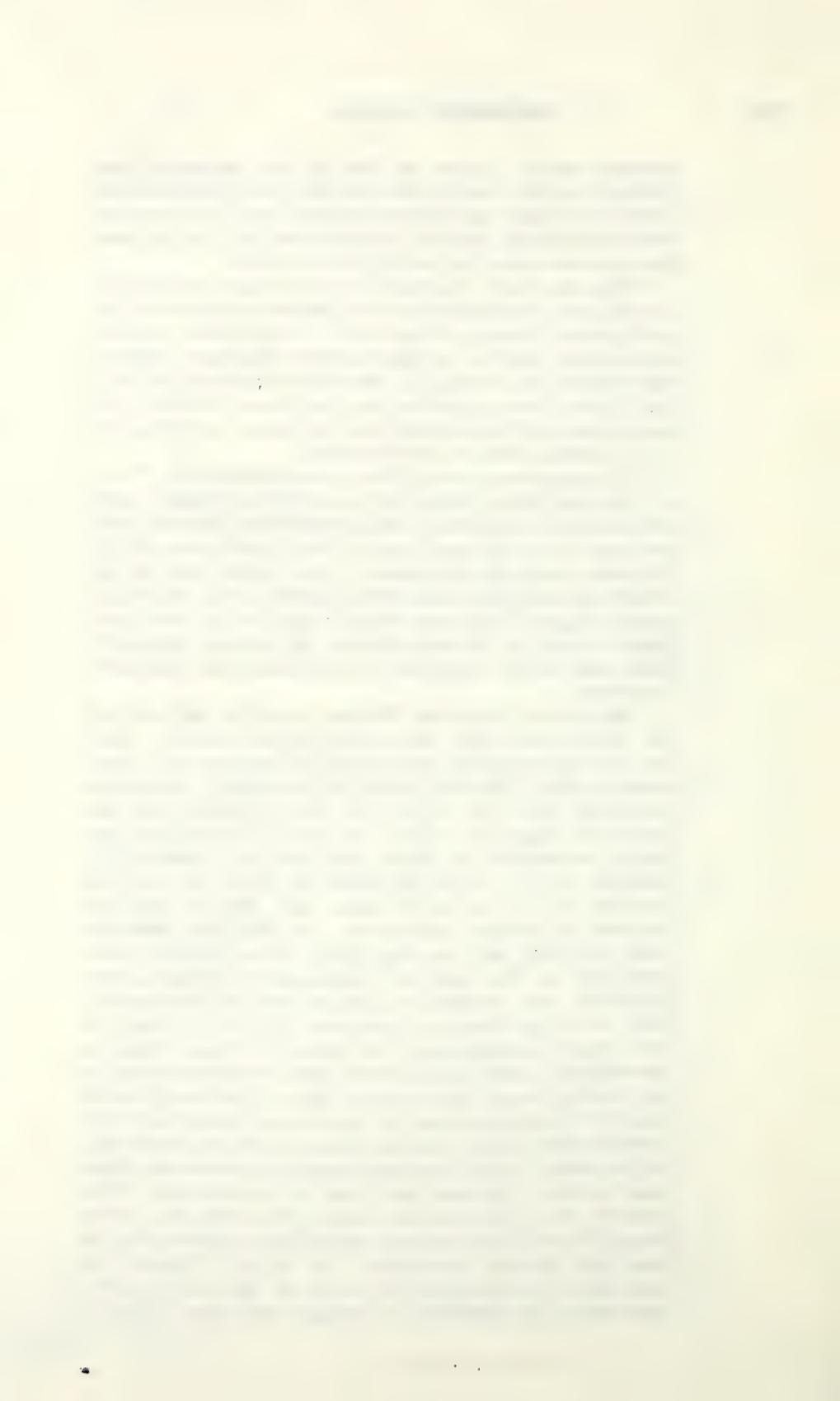


account which I gave of him in the centennial was taken from the recollections of his two grandchildren, Jeremiah Smith and Sally Morison, both of whom had very distinct and pleasant recollections of him as, more than any one else, the patriarch of the town.

"His son, Capt. Thomas Morison, was a more enterprising and ambitious man, with greater activity of mind and greater force of character. These more efficient traits were ascribed to his mother, Margaret Wallace, who wished her house, if it must be a log-house, to be a log higher than any other in the place. During the active period of his life he was, I suppose, one of the five or six leading men in Peterborough.

"His sons were none of them remarkable men. Three of his daughters, Polly, Sally, and Mrs. Wallace, were uncommonly intelligent. My grandfather, Robert Morison, was a man of good sense, but of moderate ability. He was a very devout man. I have seen many of his letters to my father that were marked by a degree of practical good judgment which I fear he did not know how to apply to his own affairs; for he was always in debt, and always appealing to my father for pecuniary assistance.

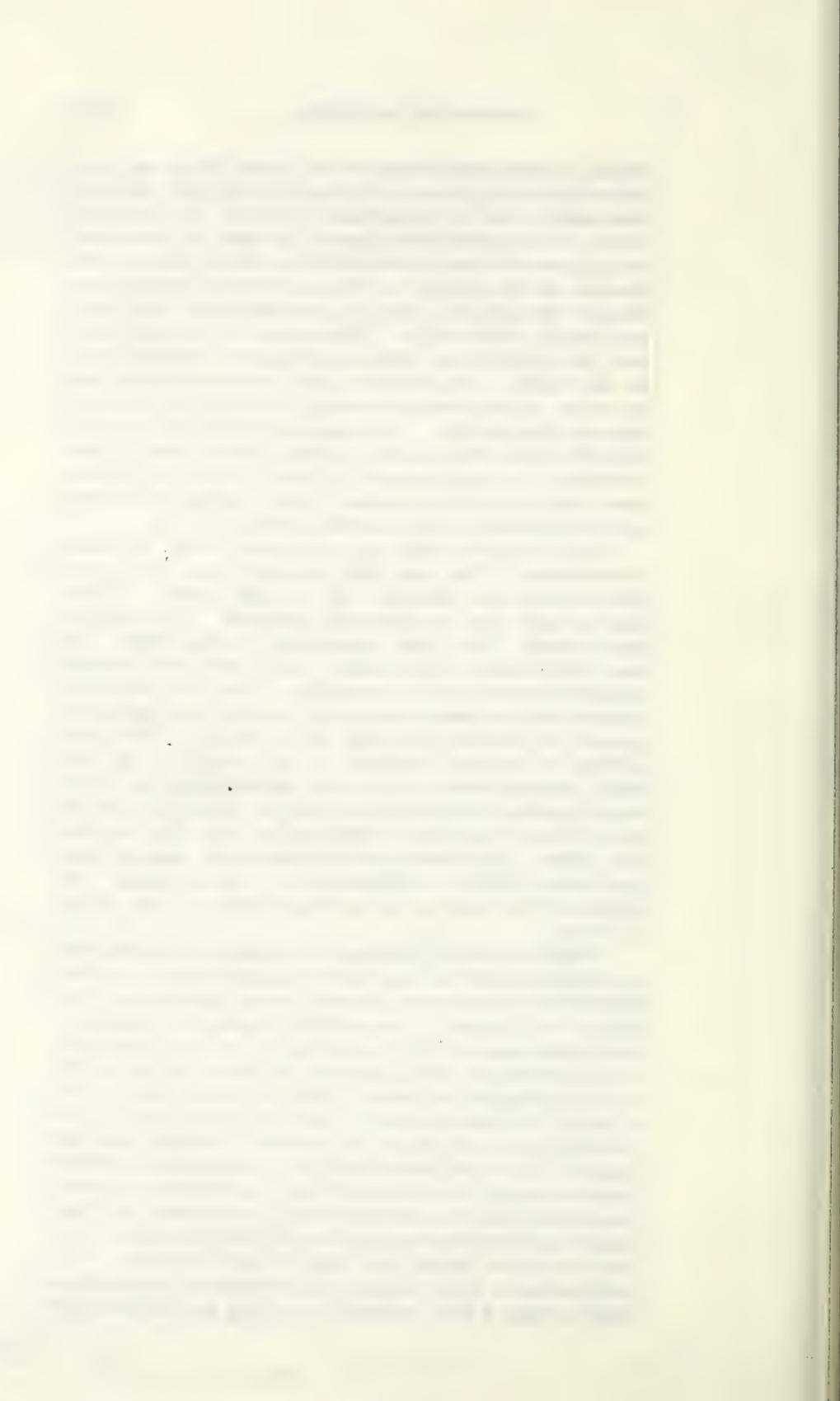
"My father, Nathaniel Morison, was the only one of his children who had more than ordinary ability. Ezekiel, his youngest son, was a man of correct and industrious habits. He died young in Mississippi. Nathaniel was born Oct. 11, 1779. In 1802, he went with an invoice of chairs to some place in the West Indies; but finding no market for them there, he took them to Wilmington, N. C. After disposing of them, he went to Fayetteville, in the same State, and entered into the business of making carriages. In 1804, he came to New England, and married Mary Ann Hopkins, who was born in that part of Londonderry which is now Windham, and returned to his business in Fayetteville, with his wife, where he remained till 1807. Then, at the urgent solicitation of his father, he came back to Peterborough, and settled down with his wife and daughter, having bought his father's farm. He brought with him five thousand dollars in specie, and there were still considerable sums of money due to him at the South. In five years he had laid up between six and seven thousand dollars. He was not fitted to be a farmer. The success of a more extended enterprise, and the habits formed in a different sphere, made him restless under its slow and limited operations. In 1811, I believe, he returned to Fayetteville, to settle up his affairs there, and when he returned he brought with him John H.



Steele, a young man whom he had found there, and considered a very ingenious and capable mechanic, and who afterwards filled so important a place in Peterborough. Three or four years more passed by, when he purchased for \$10,000 what was then called the South Factory, and devoted all his energies to that and kindred enterprises. He put up a building for the manufacture of fine linen, particularly table-cloths. The women in Peterborough and the neighboring towns were famous for their labors at the distaff. The object of this new undertaking was to weave, by improved processes, the linen yarn that was spun in the vicinity. The looms were worked by hand, but with what was called a spring shuttle, then a new invention. In connection with these factories, my father, now a militia captain, opened a small store, and he had upon his hands all that he could attend to.

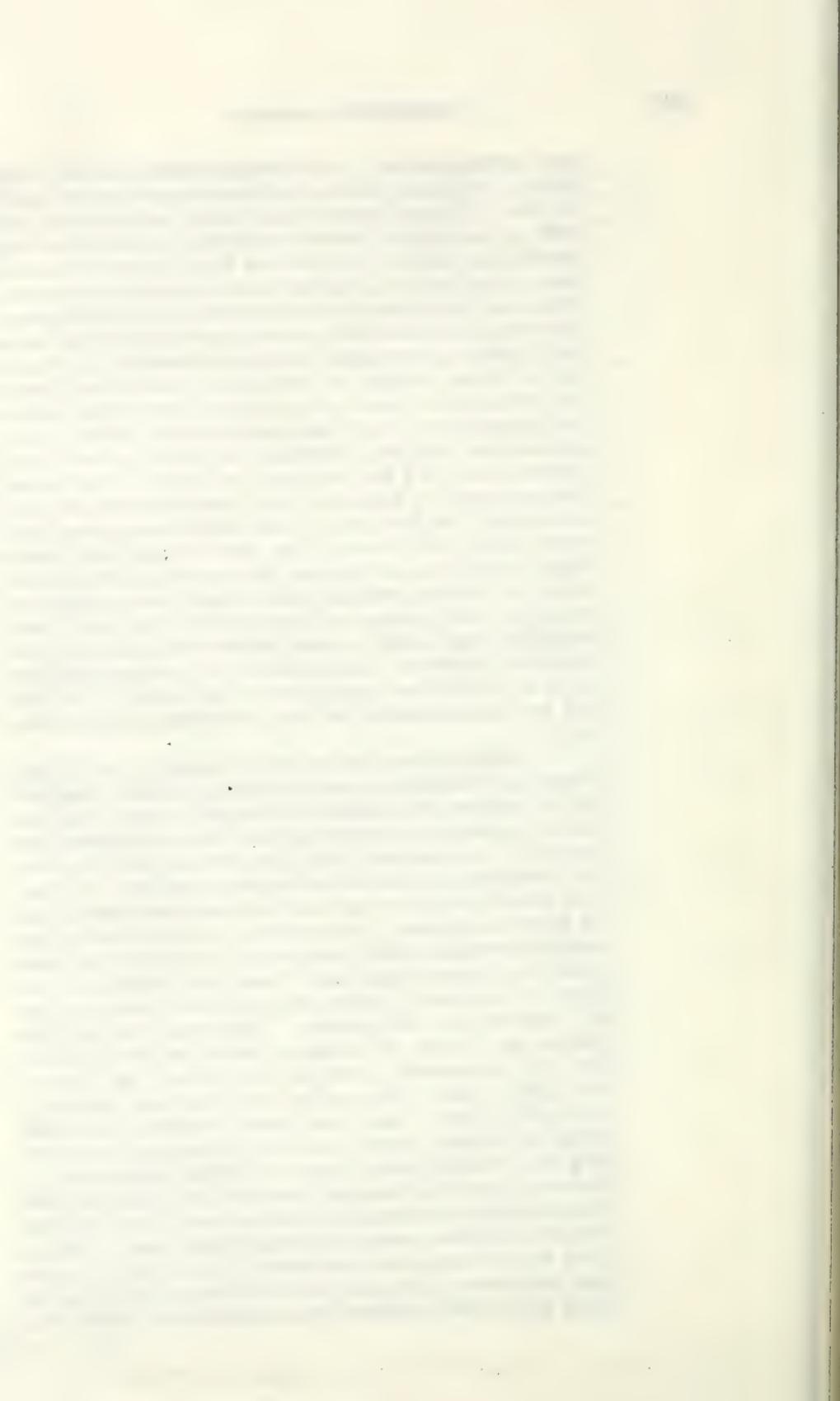
"But he had chosen an unfortunate time for these investments. The war with England was soon over. The country was flooded with foreign goods. There was no sale for our domestic products. The factories were closed. His little competence melted away. He was embarrassed with debts. His farm and factory property were heavily mortgaged. For all industrial enterprises, the term from 1815 to 1820 was a period of greater depression than any other period of five years during the present century. After struggling in vain with adverse events, and with embarrassments which were constantly increasing, he went to Mississippi, in the fall of 1817, to collect a considerable debt that was due him there. He carried out with him a few cases of axes and shoes, which he disposed of at a good profit. He collected his debt so as to reach home in the spring of 1818.

"While he was in Natchez, he became acquainted with several gentlemen of large fortunes, and made a contract with them to supply the city with water by means of lead pipes, for \$30,000. On reaching home, he engaged a competent man in New Hampshire to lay the pipes, and in the autumn of 1818, he went out with a larger supply of axes, ploughs, and shoes. But the boat which carried a part of his merchandise struck a snag and sunk in the Mississippi. And when he reached Natchez, and had made all his arrangements and got his men and materials there to supply the city with water, the Southern gentlemen repudiated the contract which he supposed they had made, and the whole enterprise, with consequences ruinous to all his hopes, was thrown back upon him. He had recourse again to his old occupation, and endeavored to gain a little money by working as a wheelwright



and carriage-maker. But disappointment, anxiety, and the hot, malarious, summer climate there were too much for him. He was taken down by the yellow fever, and after a few days of severe suffering, in which he was carefully attended by his brother Ezekiel, and his townsman, John Scott, Jr., he died on the 11th day of September, 1819, just before he had completed his fortieth year. Rumors of his death had already reached us, when, on a cold, cloudy, November Saturday afternoon, I, then a boy of eleven, walked to the village to see if any letter had come by the mail. On entering your father's store just before dark, I heard the people talking of the report, and, as they did not know me, they kept on with their conversation till I had received the letter. I had a sad journey home in the dark night, and the burst of grief with which the first line of the letter was greeted was more than I could bear. The next morning, my grandfather called us all together to prayers, as the custom was of a Sunday morning, and I shall never forget the solemnity and pathos with which the old man, with trembling hands and a voice broken with emotion, read the third chapter of Lamentations. 'I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.'

"A month or two before, when news of the falling through of the Natchez enterprise had reached this part of the country, the sheriff had come to our house and taken possession of everything that the law allowed him to take. The sharpest pang that I felt at that time was in witnessing my mother's anguish, and, next to that, was when I saw the officers of the law drive away a pair of young steers that I had watched over and tended and fondled ever since they were born. I did not see them again for three years, and it was very painful to me then to find that I could not get from them any sign of affection or recognition. They had entirely forgotten me. After my father's death, we remained in the old homestead through the winter, till March or April, 1820. My mother had for her portion a shell of a house near the South Factory, and eight hundred dollars. It required half the money to convert the old 'weaving-shop' into a tolerable residence. I remember well the earnest gaze and the deep sigh with which, on leaving our early home, where all her children but one had been born, she looked back upon it, with a baby on each arm, and then turned slowly away towards her new home. She had been left alone in the fall of 1818 with seven children, the oldest thirteen years, and



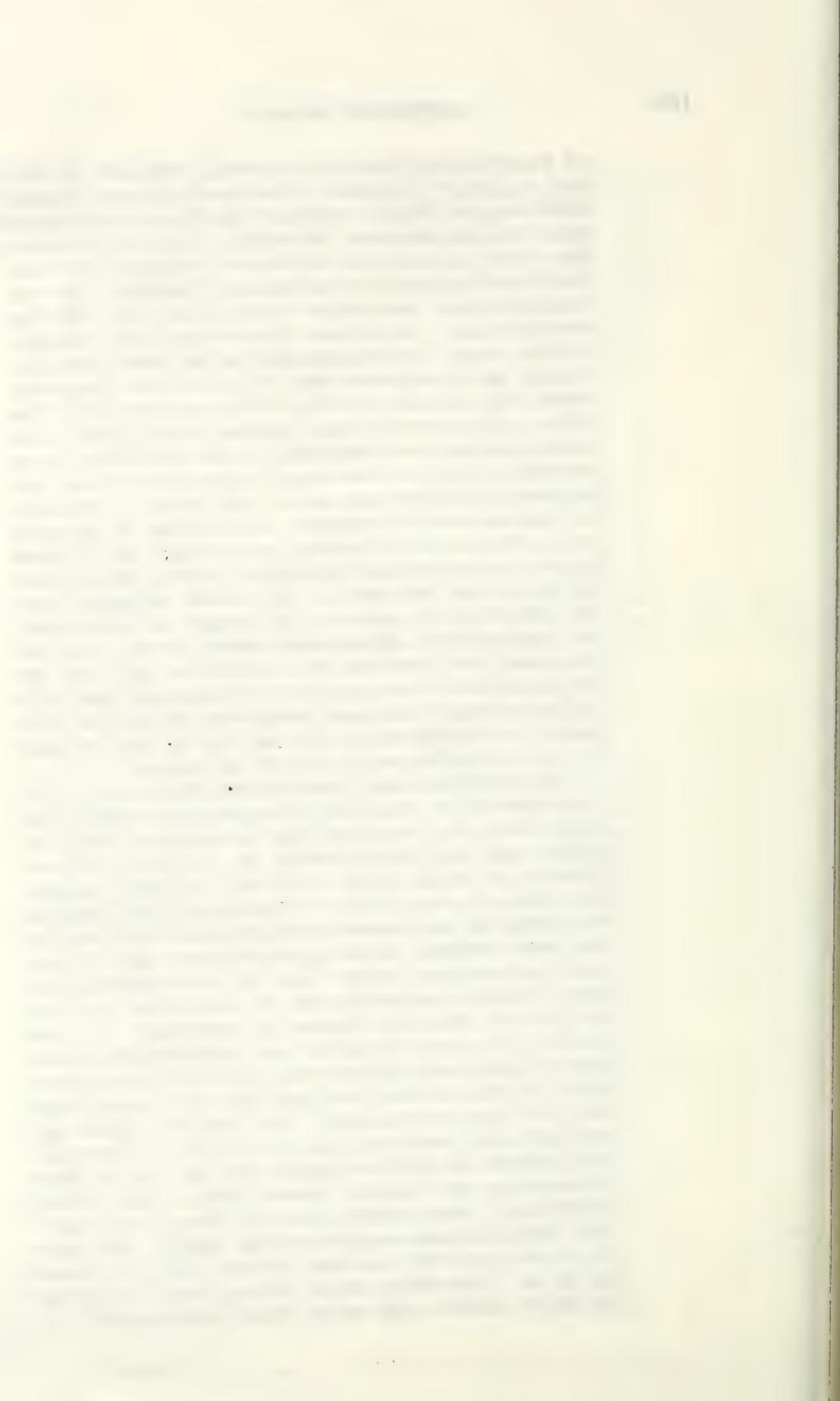
the two youngest four months, old. All her means of support consisted in a half-finished house, two cows, and four or five hundred dollars. She had a most delicate, sensitive nature, but a force of will and an amount of executive energy such as I have never seen surpassed. In my remembrance of her, as she was during the early period of her widowhood, I always think of her sitting at her loom, working and weeping. She did not stop to indulge in discouraging apprehensions, but emphasized her grief by driving her shuttle with increased promptness and vehemence. With a resolution that almost broke her heart, she put her two oldest boys, one eleven and the other nine years old, into farmers' families to work for their living. Lessons of honest industry and helpfulness and self-dependence were thus learned. If there was a great deal of suffering on their part and on hers, caused by severe labor and a divided household, habits were formed which contributed largely to whatever measure of usefulness or success they may have attained. The heaviest burden rested upon our oldest sister, whose ability and willingness to help all the rest shut her out from the advantages of education which the others enjoyed.

"My father was endowed with abilities ill-adapted to his calling, and very much beyond what was required by the sphere in which he lived. He read the best books with a keen delight. The few letters of his which I have seen showed marks of a mental strength and culture superior to what we usually find in the correspondence even of the city merchants who lived at that time. Your uncle John, who was his teacher one winter, spoke to his brother Jeremiah of his mind and his ingenuous, truthful qualities with a sort of enthusiastic admiration. If he could have had the educational advantages which his sons enjoyed, I have no doubt that he would have been one of the most distinguished among all the natives of Peterborough. As it was, his lot was a very hard one, and his life very sad. He was a man of delicate sensibilities and generous impulses. He was fitted for intellectual pursuits, and would have made an admirable lawyer. But he had no special aptness for mechanical employments, or for trade. His thoughts moved in a different sphere. I have heard his social and conversational qualities very highly spoken of. But he had no special aptitude or taste for the sort of life that was put upon him. After the success of his early days, which certainly indicated no common ability even in uncongenial pursuits, he failed in almost everything that he undertook. His plan for introducing improved methods



of manufacturing linen cloth showed originality of mind and no lack of judgment. Nor could any one, situated as he was, be likely to anticipate the disastrous effects of peace on our domestic industries. And no honorable man would suspect the arbitrary repudiation of a contract like that which he had made in Natchez. But the disappointment was not, on that account, any the less severe to him. He became disheartened and unhappy. He was never, I think, according to the ideas then prevailing, an intemperate man, but amid his disappointments and trials he probably fell in too much with the habits of those around him. Indeed, when I look at his ledger, and see what quantities of rum and toddy almost everybody drank in those days, I wonder how it was that any one could have been saved from being a drunkard. My mother was so impressed with a sense of the evils and perils in this direction, and warned her children against them with such intensity of feeling, that I have no doubt she had seen in her home influences and dangers which we were not old enough to understand. In common with almost every woman around her, she used snuff, but, from her own experience and what she saw in others of the misery of such a bondage, she had a violent antipathy to it, and brought up her children with such a feeling against it, that not one of her five sons has ever, I believe, used an ounce of tobacco.

"My mother's father, John Hopkins, was a farmer. He was a man of an easy, happy temperament, who, it was said, would sit at work on his shoe-maker's bench, in winter, and sing Scotch songs all day long, without repeating a single song. His wife, however, Isabella Reid, was of a very different temperament, and belonged to a family of very marked and powerful characteristics. She was a woman of strong convictions, and of great energy of mind and body. She, like her daughter, Mary Ann, could do two or three days' work in one, and had no patience with the idleness or inefficiency of other people. She probably did for the Hopkinses what Margaret Wallace had done for the Morisons three generations before, and introduced into the race a much more energetic type of character. She lived to a great age, with her son, James Hopkins, in Antrim. I remember her prompt and decisive interference on two or three occasions at my father's. Once, when I was a very young boy, I took a small amount of honey from one of our bee-hives, and escaped without injury. But when the same experiment was tried a second time, it seemed to me as if the whole swarm of bees, with their stings in active exercise, had settled down on my head. In-



stantly, on hearing the cries sent out by the child, my grandmother appeared with a bowl of water, and quickly drove away my offended avengers of their rights. Not long before her death I saw her in Antrim. She was very feeble and very kind. Just before I left her, she unlocked a private drawer, and took from it two silver half-dollars which she asked me to give to my mother. I was greatly affected by her kindness, for it was probably nearly all the money that she had.

"Here is a very slight sketch of those who have gone before us, and whose lives are transmitted through our veins to those who shall come after us. I believe in inherited qualities, but it is difficult to reconcile with this belief the very different qualities of those who inherit the same blood. For example, your grandfather, William Smith, and his wife, Elizabeth Morison, were the brother and sister of my great-grandmother, Mary Smith, and her husband, Thomas Morison. The blood in the two families was the same, and the circumstances under which they entered life were substantially the same. Yet every one of the six sons of William Smith was a man of marked ability, and not one of the sons of Thomas Morison was much, if at all, above mediocrity. Samuel was a shrewd, thrifty man. But that was all. Three of the daughters of Thomas Morison, however, were uncommon women. Mary—the Aunt Polly who was so long in your father's store—was, I suppose, one of the most brilliant women ever born in Peterborough. Her sister Sally was, as Judge Smith used to say, a born lady. Her intellectual and moral qualities, and delicate, womanly susceptibilities, were admirably harmonized. She took snuff and smoked a pipe, and yet no one could meet her or talk with her without feeling that she was a refined and delicate woman. Margaret, the wife of Matthew Wallace, was said to be a woman of uncommon ability.

"We sometimes seem to recognize different ancestors in our different moods and feelings at different times. When I am indulging in the thought of projects vastly beyond my ability to carry out, I feel my great-great-grandmother, the ambitious Margaret Wallace, stirring my blood, and call to mind my grandfather's caution to his son to remember that his name was Morison, and not undertake more than he could do. When I feel very much fixed in any decision, and unwilling to be reasoned out of it, right or wrong, I feel something of the Holmes obstinacy rising up within my veins. When I am in an easy, indolent mood, and disposed to let the day go by without effort in pleasant dreams, I think of my grand-

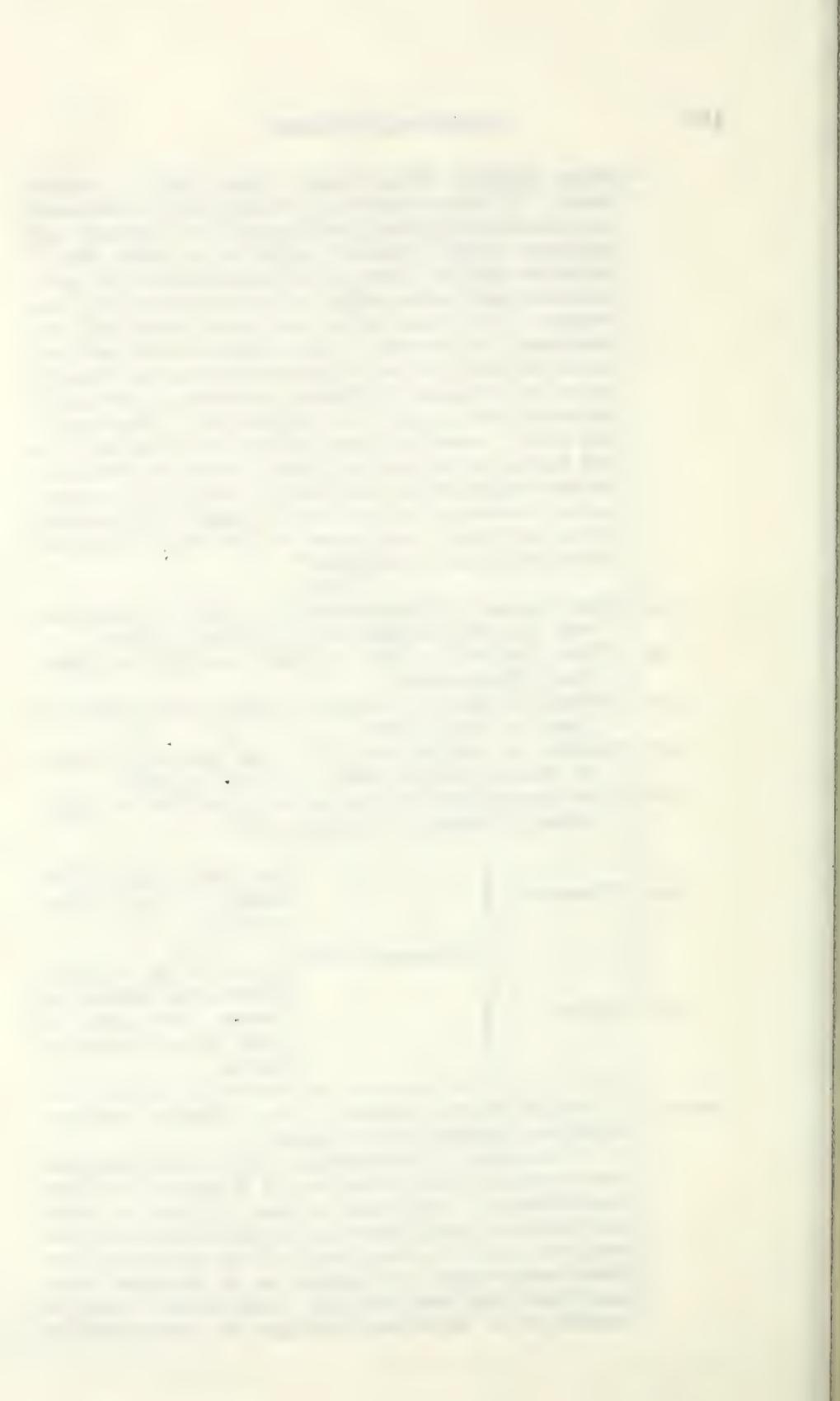


father Hopkins, whose name I bear, and his Scotch songs. If I ever succeed in stripping off its surroundings, and looking calmly and clearly into a difficult and important subject, without prejudice on either side, I rejoice to feel that I have in me something of the mild, unbiased good sense which has come down from the Smiths as they were before they were united with the Morisons. In this way I lead different lives, and feel myself swayed by widely different impulses, and brought under the influence of different ancestors, according to the mood that happens to be uppermost. Sometimes I feel as if I were my father, looking out from his eyes and walking in his gait, and then I detect the mother in the earnestness with which I find myself gazing on some person before me, as your uncle, Judge Smith, seemed to see his sister Betty when he put on her cap and looked at himself in the glass."

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| 44 | <i>Eliza Holmes</i> , b. Fayetteville, N. C., July 10, 1805 ; m., Sept. 18, 1845, Stephen Felt ; d. Aug. 14, 1867.                              |
| 45 | † <i>John Hopkins</i> , b. July 25, 1808 ; m., Oct. 21, 1841, Emily Hurd Rogers.  |
| 46 | † <i>Horace</i> , b. Sept. 13, 1810 ; m., July 27, 1841, Mary E. Lord ; d. Aug. 5, 1870.  |
| 47 | <i>Caroline</i> , b. June 20, 1813 ; m., Aug. 29, 1837, George W. Moore, Medina, Mich. ; d. March 17, 1849.                                     |
| 48 | † <i>Nathaniel Holmes</i> , b. Dec. 14, 1815 ; m., Dec. 22, 1842, Sidney B. Brown ; r. Baltimore, Md.   |
| 49 | † <i>Samuel A.</i> , } m., Nov. 9, 1847, Ellen Smith ; r. San Francisco, Cal.   |
| 50 | † <i>James</i> , } b. June 20, 1818 ; m., 1st w., Jan. 29, 1857, Mary Lydia Sanford, of Boston ; 2d w., June 16, 1868, Ellen Wheeler, of Keene. |
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31- 45 JOHN HOPKINS MORISON. The following autobiography was furnished at my request :—

"I was born in Peterborough, July 25, 1808, and was the second child and oldest son of Nathaniel and Mary Ann Morison. I remained at home till April 15, 1820. At the age of three I began to attend school in the summer, but after I was six years old my services on the farm were thought too valuable to be dispensed with, and from that time forth till I was sixteen I went to school only in the winter, from eight to twelve weeks in



a year. In the autumn of 1819, my father died, and his family was left in great affliction, and in very straitened circumstances. From 1820 to 1824, I lived with different farmers in the town, working hard, faring as well as they did, and receiving but scanty wages, never, I think, more than fifty dollars a year, even when I did nearly a man's work. I look back upon those four years as the most unhappy period of my life. The change from our own home to a place with strangers was a painful one, not because I was treated unkindly, but from a feeling that I was fatherless and homeless, and from a longing for a better companionship and better means of education. My principal solace was to spend the Sunday, once in a month or two, at my mother's house. My greatest happiness, intellectually, was in reading, often by fire-light with my head in a perilously hot place. The books which I enjoyed most were the Bible, Rollin's ancient history, Gibbon's Rome, and an odd volume or two of Josephus. The little Social Library kept by Mr. Daniel Abbot was a great resource to me.

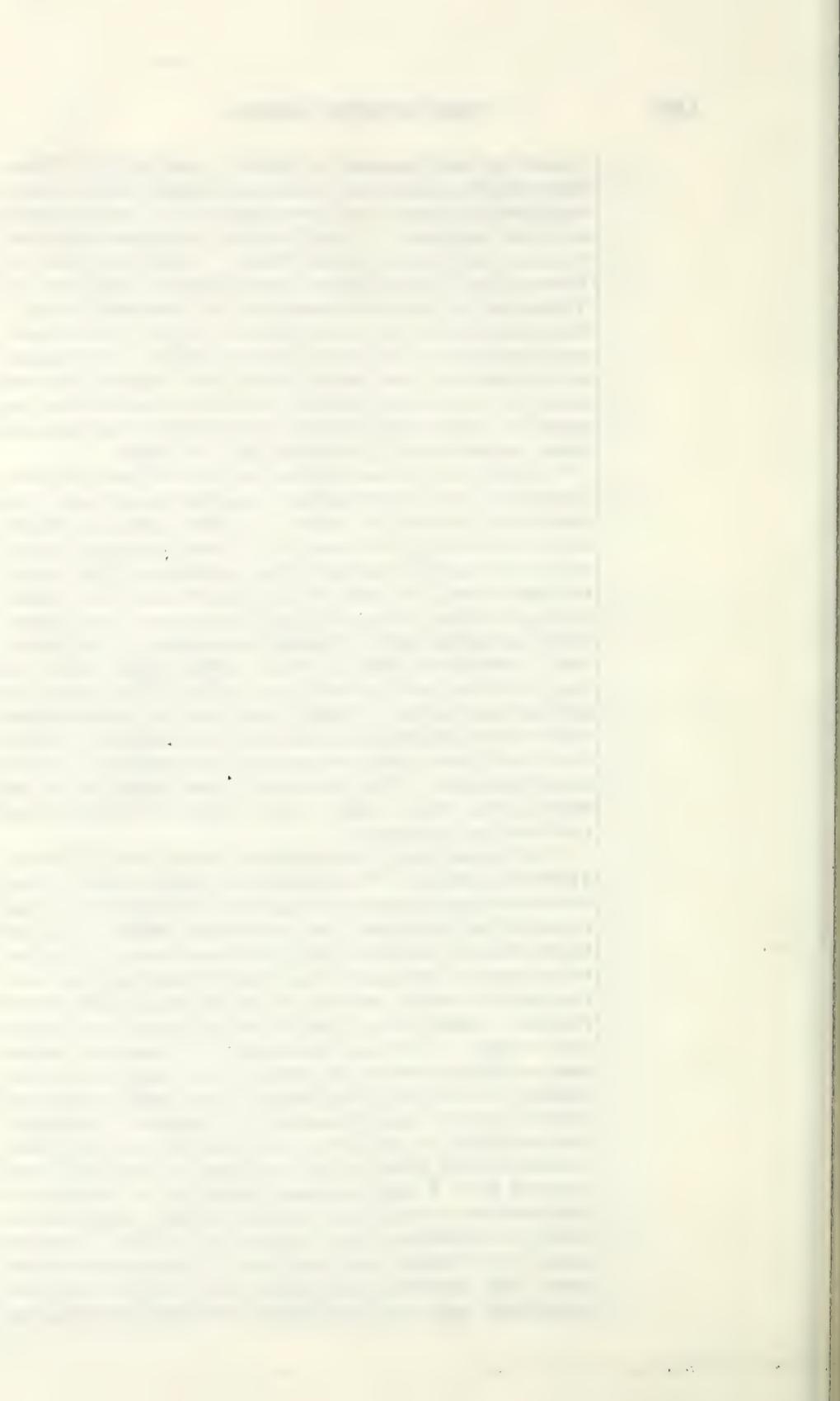
"In October, 1824, I went to Exeter and lived there with Mr. Joseph Smith Gilman, 'tending' in a small grocery store, and doing what a boy might be expected to do about the place, for ten months. The position and most of its duties were distasteful to me. I made some ludicrous and embarrassing mistakes. I was not good at a bargain, and my heart was not in my work. I was more homesick than I had ever been. I wondered then, and have not ceased to wonder yet, at Mr. Gilman's forbearance. He and his family were very kind to me, and I shall never think of them otherwise than with profound gratitude. But the young people whom I was thrown in with were more ignorant and had lower tastes and aims in life than any persons I ever knew; but I had a good deal of time for reading and plenty of books. Before leaving Peterborough I had, for six weeks, attended a private school kept by Mr. Addison Brown, then a student in Harvard College. He had very rare gifts as a teacher. I felt that my intellectual nature was then for the first time waked up, and life assumed for me a new meaning. During the winter, in Exeter, I attended an evening school taught by Mr. Richard Hildreth, a man of fine genius, who took great interest in my studies. My progress with him was such that he and Mr. Gilman, the next summer, called the attention of Dr. Abbot, the noble principal of Phillips (Exeter) Academy, to my case, and without any application on my part, I was allowed to take a place among the beneficiaries of the school. Here a new world was opening before me. Every



branch of study seemed to offer a new delight. Even the primary elements of Latin and Greek had for me a singular fascination, and every step was an advance into a sort of fairy-land. I shall never forget the sensations of keen enjoyment with which I read the *Odes* of Horace, the *Iliad* of Homer, the *Bucolics* of Virgil and of Theocritus, or the utter absorption of mind with which I went through the higher branches of Algebra and Geometry, and, most of all, the Conic Sections. I remained in the academy four years, three as a scholar, and one mostly as a teacher, pursuing my sophomore studies by myself. I owe a great debt of gratitude to the teachers there, especially to Dr. Abbot and Dr. Soule.

"In 1827, '28 I had become acquainted with William Smith, a gifted, accomplished, generous young man. He introduced me to his father, the Hon. Jeremiah Smith, who, in brilliancy and strength of mind, in accuracy and extent of learning, and the higher qualities of his character, was fitted to take, as he did, an honorable place among the ablest of our distinguished men. In August, 1828, he invited me to become a member of his family, and I remained there a year, during which time his daughter died, and her death was followed by that of his son the next winter. Their illness and departure, especially the rapid and fatal decline of his daughter, a most lovely and interesting woman, took me through a wholly new experience. This life could never again be to me what it had been before. The light of worlds beyond had been let in upon it.

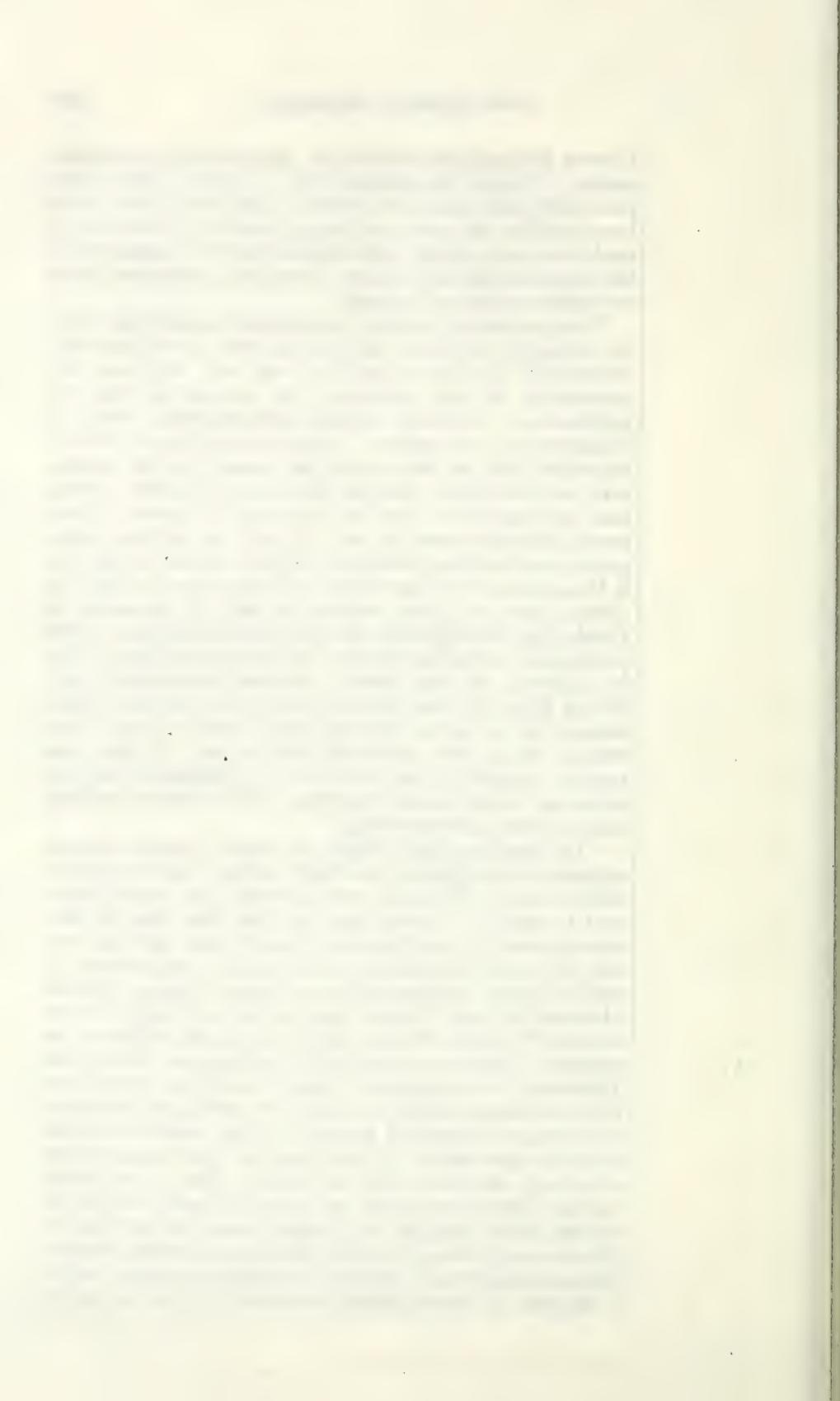
"In August, 1829, I was admitted to the Junior Class in Harvard College. Of the hundred dollars which I had saved from my earnings during the previous year, I was required to pay ninety for instruction which I had not been able to receive during the Freshman and Sophomore years of my class. But, notwithstanding this exactation which always seemed to me unjust, I have every reason to speak of my Alma Mater with grateful affection and respect. The last generation of American statesmen numbered among its distinguished men no grander example of a faithful, disinterested, able public man than Josiah Quincy, then President of Harvard University. He was kind to me from the beginning, and his kindness continued down to the last year of his useful and honored life. I taught school during six of the twenty-four months of my college course, so that I was really in college a little less than a year and a half. I earned what little I could, and practised a pretty severe economy. My expenses were small, and Judge Smith had generously and very judiciously so arranged matters, that



I never felt any great anxiety in regard to my immediate wants. I began life with nothing. I never have asked pecuniary assistance for myself. And yet I have never been unable to meet my engagements. Sometimes I could not see a month beforehand how the means could be procured, but they always came, and sometimes from the most unexpected sources.

"On graduating in 1831, I concluded to study law, having engaged to pursue my studies with a very learned lawyer of Baltimore, and to meet my expenses by instructing his two children. On account of this engagement I declined several advantageous offers of employment as a teacher. After waiting several weeks, when the time for such offers had passed by, the gentleman sent me word that he had engaged another young man and would not need my services. This was a very great disappointment to me. It left me without occupation, and without means of support, but it taught me a lesson as to the sacredness of engagements that has always been of great service to me. I remained in Cambridge through the fall and winter, teaching a few pupils, and attending some of the lectures of the Divinity School. At that time I became acquainted with Henry Ware, Jr., and his wife, and had a room in their house. In a social and religious point of view that season was a very profitable one to me. It gave me time to reconsider my choice of a profession, and enabled me to approach the subject with different feelings and a better understanding.

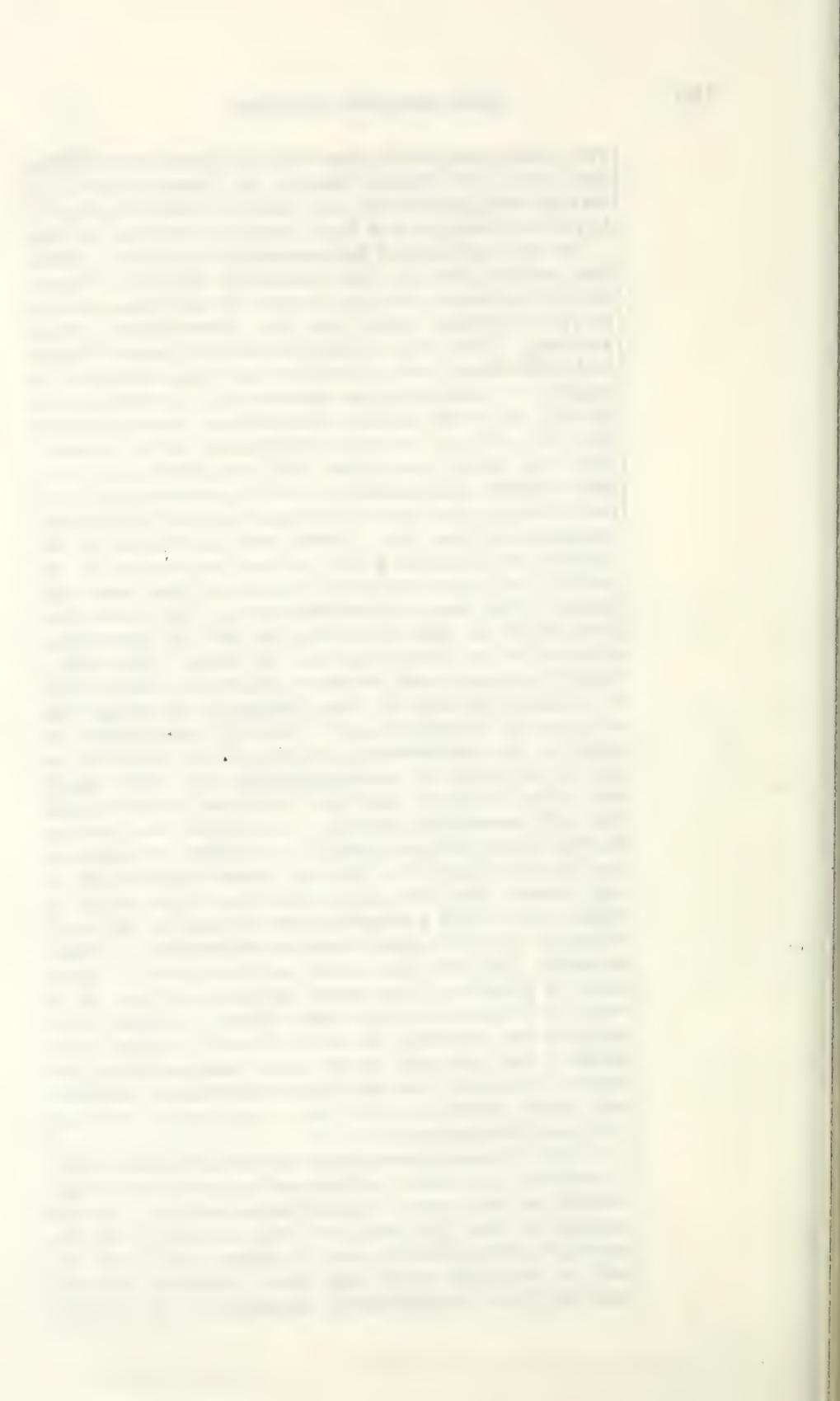
"In March, 1832, I began to teach a small private school for young ladies in New Bedford, and remained there a year. That year was perhaps the most important in my life. I was then for the first time a man among men. I had leisure for study, and devoted myself to it with the utmost intensity and enthusiasm. I read Cicero's philosophical writings, Cousin, Pascal, Madame de Staël, Dante, some of the old English prose writers, Wordsworth, and, above all in its influence on my mind, Coleridge, especially his *Friend* and *Biographia Literaria*. In the winter I gave a course of seven lectures on literary subjects to a very intelligent audience of perhaps a hundred persons. This was a new and exciting experience. It made me feel the responsibility of acting on the minds of others. But I had over-worked during the winter, and from the middle of March till the last of August, 1833, spent most of the time in Peterborough, in a state of physical exhaustion which I did not understand. Among the great advantages which I enjoyed at New Bedford, especially in the society of



very intelligent people, that which I valued above all the rest was the privilege of hearing Dr. Dewey preach. It was the most quickening and uplifting preaching that I have ever heard, and of itself made an epoch in my life.

"At the beginning of the academical year 1833 I joined the middle class at the Cambridge Divinity School, which was then under the able and conscientious charge of John Gorham Palfrey and the Henry Wares, father and son. There was an extraordinary degree of vitality and enthusiasm in the school at that time, especially in regard to philanthropical movements. I entered very heartily into these subjects, and took an earnest part in the preparation of elaborate papers, and in the debates. Both my moral convictions and my philosophy went much deeper, and looked to a much more thorough and radical reform than was usually contemplated in the social movements of the day. I was, perhaps, considered too conservative, because I was in fact too radical to be satisfied with the superficial measures that were suggested by the most zealous reformers. The labor question, which is just beginning to cast its portentous shadows before it now, was one on which I prepared a report that cost a vast amount of labor, and which came to conclusions that are now beginning to engage the attention of thoughtful men. During a temporary vacancy in the department I taught political economy to the senior class of undergraduates, and read nearly everything that had then been published on that great but still incomplete science. I prepared two lectures for the Exeter Lyceum, and did not slight my studies in the Divinity School. In this way I overtasked my physical powers. In May, 1834, I had a slight attack of typhoid fever, with a determination of blood to the head. After two or three weeks I went to my mother's in Peterborough. But the disease did not leave me. I spent nearly a year in a dark room, unable to sit up, or to bear the presence even of a near friend. A strong constitution was seriously broken. For thirty years afterwards I was not able to do more than one-third the amount of mental labor which had once been a healthful and happy exercise. This was a constantly recurring grief and disappointment.

"For five years I was able to do very little hard work. I preached but seldom, and was not a candidate for settlement as a minister. I supported myself as a private teacher, in New Bedford, and was very happy in the home that was opened to me. In May, 1838, I was settled as associate pastor with Rev. Ephraim Peabody, over the First Congregational Society in New Bedford.

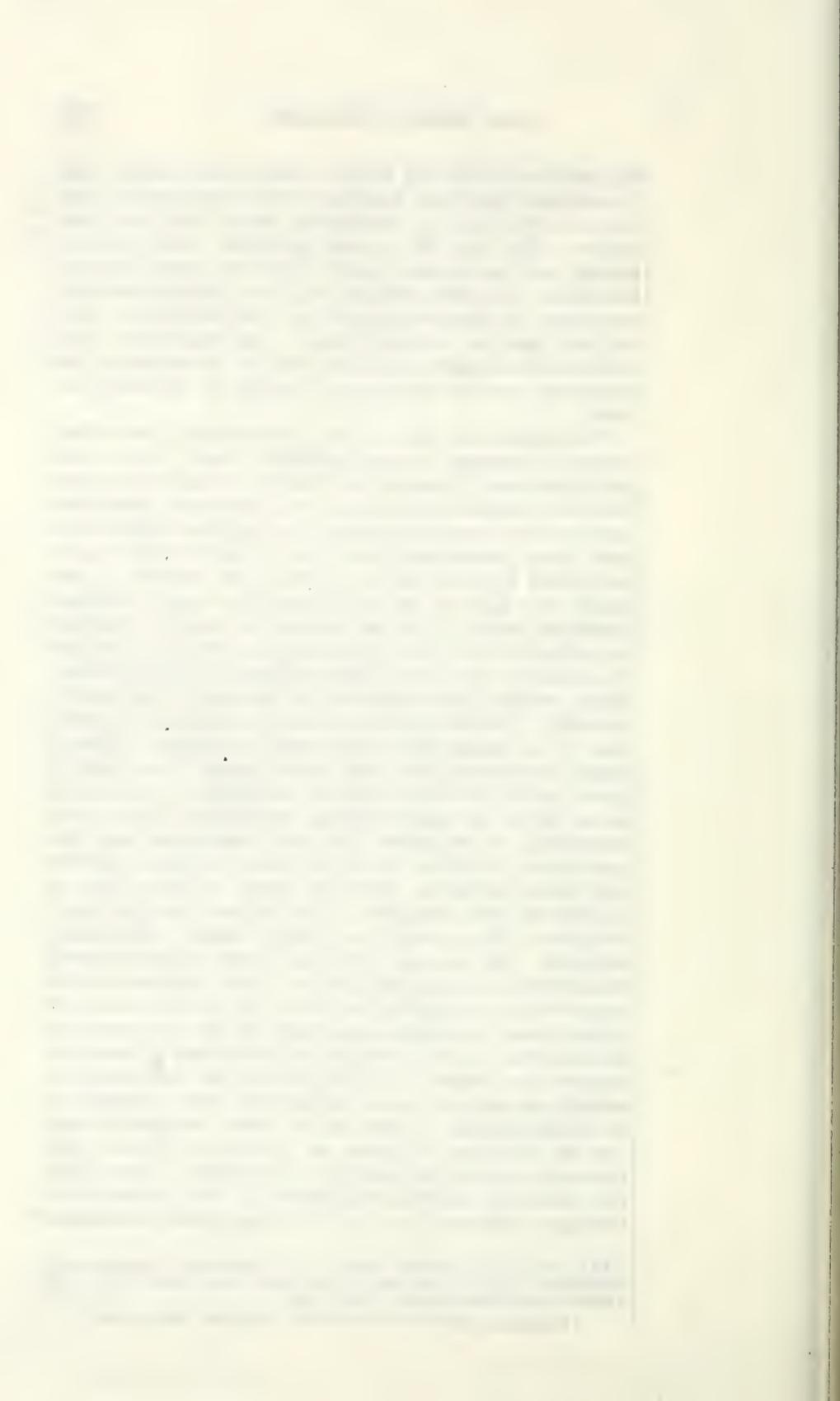


My relation to him and to the society was a happy one. I could not have been associated with a better man. He had a lofty ideal of intellectual, moral, and religious culture. He was of a most generous and guileless nature, and was as much interested in my success as in his own. The five years of my New Bedford ministry were years of great enjoyment and improvement. During that time, in October, 1841, I was married to Miss Emily Hurd Rogers, of Salem, and in December of the following year, my eldest son, George S. Morison, was born.

"In September, 1843, I gave up my salary, and asked leave of absence for an indefinite time. This I did partly because I thought Mr. Peabody's health was then such as to enable him to go on with his work alone, and partly in the hope that change of scene and entire freedom from professional care for a year or two might reëstablish my own health. During this vacation I prepared the *Life* of my early benefactor and kinsman, Jeremiah Smith.\* In the autumn of 1845, I resigned my office in New Bedford, and in January, 1846, became the pastor of the First Congregational Parish in Milton, Mass., where I have continued to this day. The society is small. The duties of the place have not been oppressive. The people have been very indulgent. Among them I have found men and women whom it has been a great joy and privilege to know as friends. I could ask for no higher or more exciting employment than to do everything in my power for their instruction and improvement. If there has been little to feed or gratify any lower ambition, there has been a great deal to cherish the best affections. The highest thought that I have been able to reach has always found a hospitable welcome. My one aim in life has been to prove myself in all things a faithful minister of Christ, and even in the apparently narrow sphere in which my lot has been cast I have found abundant opportunity for the exercise of all my faculties. I have written and published a commentary on the Gospel of St. Matthew,† and had hoped to extend the work so as to include the other evangelists. At different times I have edited the *Christian Register*, and the *Religious Magazine* or *Unitarian Review*. But the work of an editor was never to my taste. The pulpit, the parochial labors, and, above all, the studies, of a Christian minister have had for me greater attractions

\* Life of the Hon. Jeremiah Smith, LL. D., Member of Congress during Washington's Administration, Judge of the United States Circuit Court, Chief Justice of New Hampshire, etc. Boston, 1845.

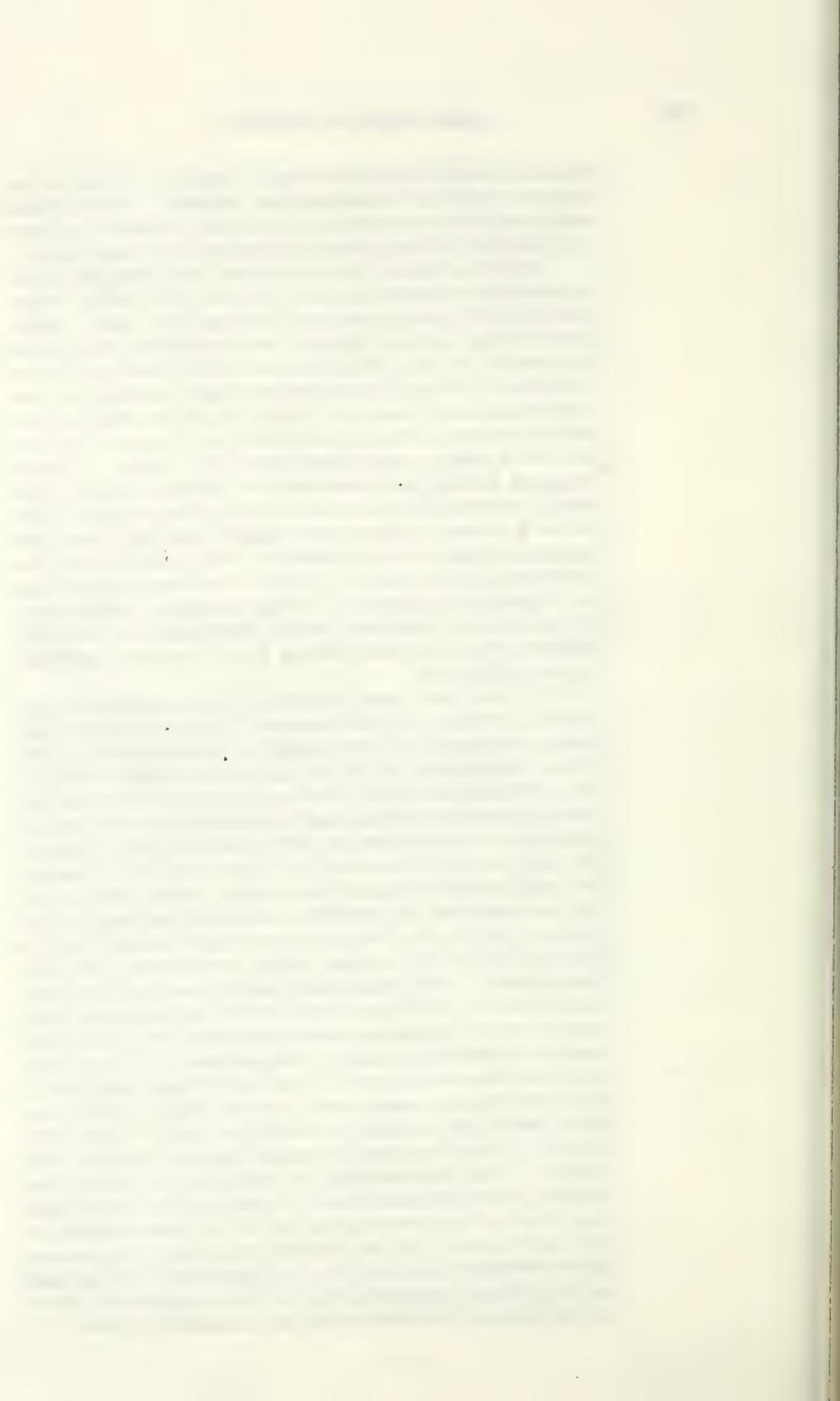
† Disquisitions and Notes of the Gospels. Matthew. Boston, 1860.



than any other office or calling. They have been to me always a sufficient stimulus and reward. When drawn away from them for a season by failing health it has been an unspeakable happiness to come back to them again.

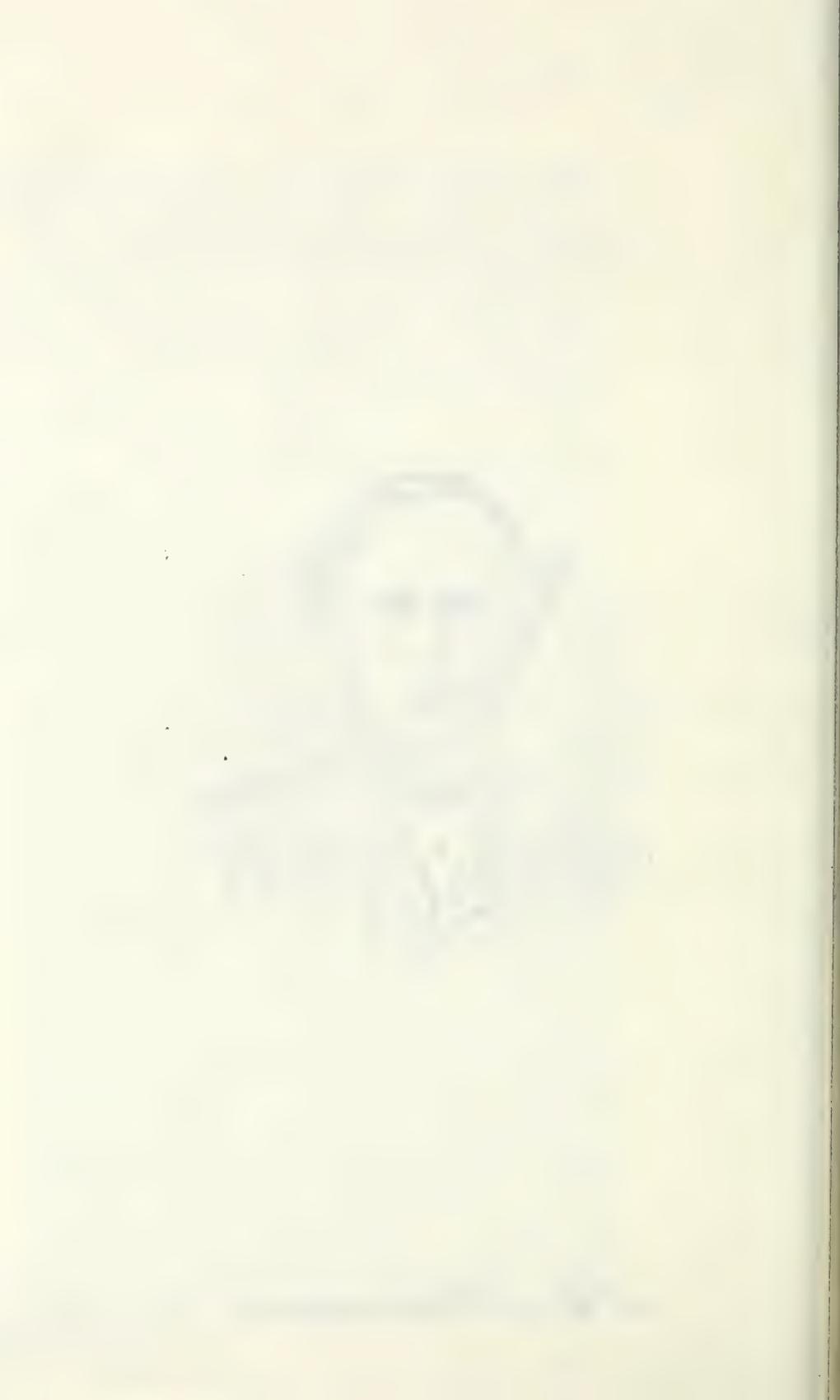
"In 1870, I asked for a colleague, that I might be able to complete my work on the Gospels. But other duties providentially put upon me filled up my time. After nearly three years of faithful and intelligent labor in his profession, my dear friend and associate, Francis Tucker Washburn, whose short ministry had revealed to me rare qualities of mind and heart, was taken from us, and with a sense of bereavement and loss I again took up the work which had fallen from his hands. I never engaged in my profession with a deeper sense of personal responsibility, or entered with a more living interest or a keener sense of enjoyment into the great and solemn scenes which it presents. But I have reached an age when such a strain upon the faculties cannot long be continued with safety. I have therefore again asked to be relieved from my parish duties, and as the only effectual way of accomplishing this, I am now spending a year in Europe.

"My life has been marked by few events of any special interest. I have shrunk from prominent positions, and have been very happy in the secluded labors of my profession, in the means of usefulness which it has given, in the literary studies and pursuits which are closely connected with it, and in the intimate and lasting friendships which it has helped me to form with some of the best people in the world. I hope still to live among the people with whom I have lived, giving and receiving such services as lie within our reach to smooth the pathway of life, and enable us to look forward with a stronger faith and a more fitting preparation for what lies beyond. With every new year I have had a richer experience of God's goodness and of his universal care, and it would indicate no small degree of intellectual and moral obtuseness, as well as ingratitude, if I had any fears for what is to come. I am not without hope that I may yet prepare a small work on the study of the Gospels, better than anything I have yet done. Most of it is in my mind, the result of many years of thought and study. It is very pleasant to think of the occupation which it may give, and thus to indulge the desire, perhaps more than the hope, to be still of some service to my fellow-men. All my studies and all my experience go to strengthen my faith in the substantial truthfulness of the Gospel narrative, and in the unspeakable value of the life and the truth which are revealed in them.





A. Morrison



"I have had many disappointments. But, as I look back, the predominant feeling in my mind is one of thankfulness. My life has been full of satisfactions and enjoyment. I have not attained to heights which I had once hoped to reach, in intellectual or spiritual culture. But in many ways life has been a rich and beneficent gift, especially in my home, which has had its trials and shadows; but no heart-rending grief has ever entered it. My children, two sons and a daughter, and my wife, have been spared thus far, so that I close this brief outline with devout gratitude and praise.

"JOHN H. MORISON.

"ROME, Feb. 16, 1876."

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51 *George Shattuck*, b. Dec. 19, 1842; graduate Harvard University, 1863, LL.B., Harvard Law School, 1866; admitted to bar in New York, 1866; civil engineer, 1867; engaged in building Kansas City Railroad Bridge, 1867-9; built iron viaduct, two hundred and thirty-four feet high, for Erie Railway, at Portage, N.Y., 1875. Has published important papers on bridges and other professional subjects; owns the Samuel Morison place, in the southern part of the town; r. in New York.

52 *Robert Swain*, b. Oct. 13, 1847; graduate Harvard University, 1869, and at Divinity School (B.D.), 1872; studied in Berlin and Tubingen, Germany, 1872, '73; ordained, 1874; settled at Meadville, Pa., 1874.

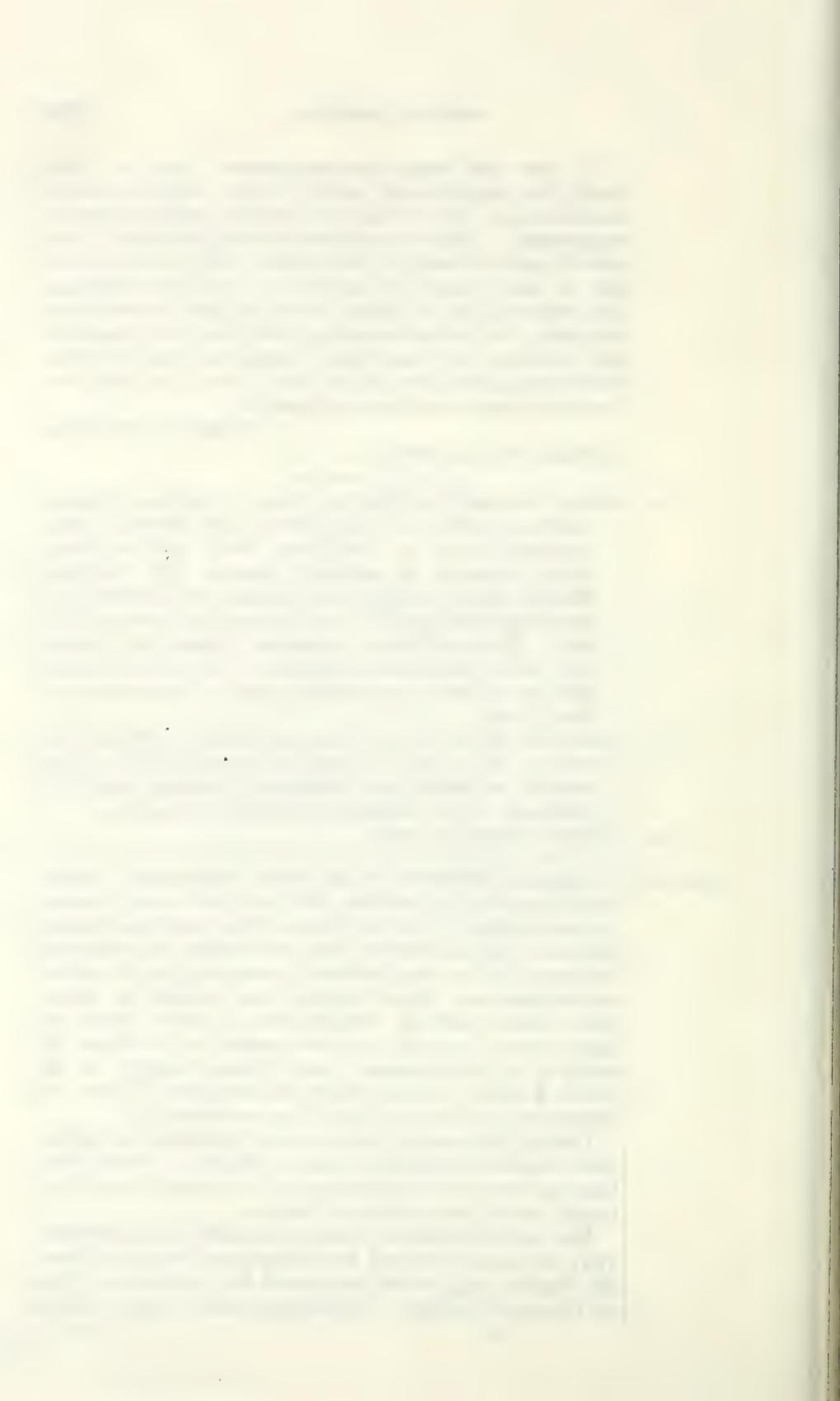
53 *Mary*, b. April 30, 1851.

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31- 46 HORACE MORISON in his youth experienced similar hardships with his brothers, and was made early to earn his own support. On the death of his father he went to live with Thomas Steele, Esq., with whom he remained five years, till he was fourteen, performing such service on the farm as a boy of his age was capable of doing. After three years of employment at other places, he began, when he was seventeen years old, to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker, with Moses Dodge, at the North Factory Village, where he remained till he was twenty-one, serving out his full apprenticeship.

During this time he had shown a fondness for books, had attended regularly the town schools in winter, had been one term to the academy at New Ipswich, and had taught school one winter in Temple.

He entered Phillips (Exeter) Academy in September, 1831, to prepare himself for college, and remained there till August, 1834, when he entered the Sophomore Class of Harvard College. In college he took a high rank as



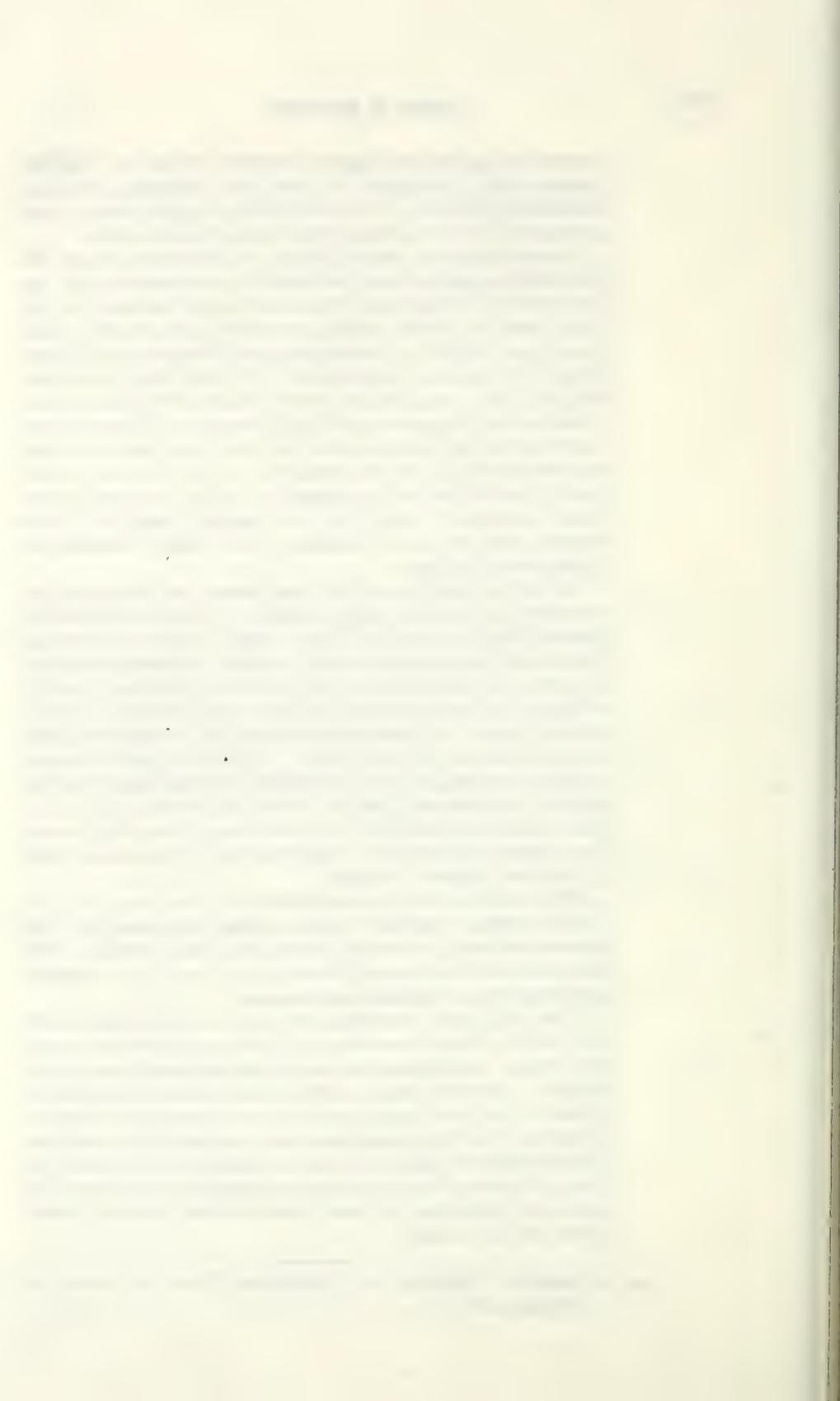
a scholar, gained the highest Bowdoin prize for English composition, belonged to the best college societies, became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and graduated, in 1837, the eighth scholar in his class.

From college he went directly to Baltimore, where he had been appointed an instructor in mathematics in the University of Maryland, which, with the charter of a college, was in reality only a superior high school. The next year, 1838, he was appointed Professor of Mathematics in the same institution. He held this professorship till July, 1841, when he was chosen President of the Academical Department of the University. He remained in office till July, 1854, when he resigned, and returned to Peterborough, to live upon the old homestead of the family, which he had purchased in 1852. In 1841, he m. Mary Elizabeth Lord, dau. of Samuel Lord, of Portsmouth, and niece of Nathan Lord, late President of Dartmouth College.

In 1856, after a rest of two years on his farm, he returned to Baltimore and opened a girls' school, which he continued to teach till July, 1866. When his brother Nathaniel gave up his school, in 1867, he took charge of it; and he remained in Baltimore till February, 1869, when infirm health compelled him to seek relief from all serious labor. A paralytic affection had made itself felt in his limbs as early as 1856. By careful attention and active remedies, he had succeeded in retarding the progress of the disease; but he never got entirely rid of it. He returned to his farm in Peterborough in 1869, where for a time he seemed to improve, and where he d. Aug. 5, 1870, æ. 59 yrs., 11 mos.

Mr. Morison was an excellent scholar, especially in mathematics; and he had a great fondness for the natural sciences,—which he taught unusually well. Few teachers ever surpassed him in easy, lucid, and familiar explanations of natural phenomena.

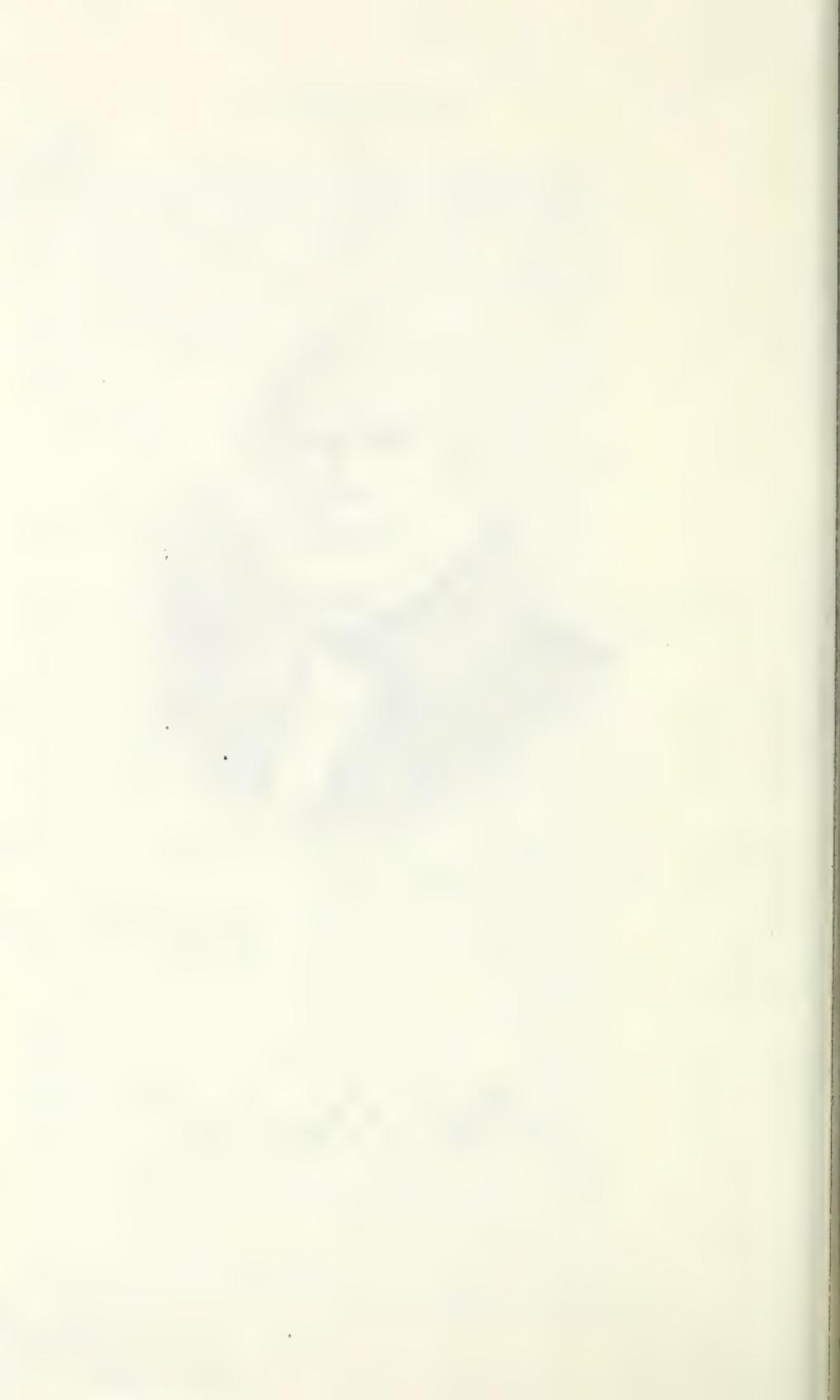
Like all good teachers, he had an analytical mind; and the boy must have been dull indeed whom he could not make understand the subjects ordinarily taught in school. He was one of nature's own teachers, peculiarly fitted to impart knowledge to the young, and fond of doing so; but the government of a school was always an irksome task to him, and this rendered him less fond of his profession than he otherwise would have been. In 1851, he published a book for children, called *Pebbles from the Sea Shore.*





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- 55 | *Mary Ann*, b. Oct. 24, 1844; r. Portsmouth.  
56 | *Caroline Augusta*, b. Sept. 20, 1847; r. Portsmouth.  
57 | *Samuel Lord*, b. Oct. 28, 1851; graduate Harvard University, 1873; m., Nov. 18, 1875, Nancy O. Williams; r. Boston.

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NATHANIEL HOLMES MORISON. When he was three years old his father suddenly died of yellow fever, at Natchez, Miss., where he had a contract for introducing a supply of water into that city. At the time of his father's death, the works had not been begun, but heavy expenses had been incurred in taking men and materials to that distant place, and the family property was swallowed up by the claims of creditors; his mother's dowry in the farm, which had descended from his great-great-grandfather, John Morison, being nearly all that was left for the support and education of seven children—five sons and two daughters,—the oldest but fourteen years of age, and the two youngest twins of a single year. His mother was a woman of uncommon intelligence and of great force of character, but her energy was taxed to the utmost to supply the wants of her large family, and provide them with the education which it was her fixed purpose to give them. Her ambition did not rise to the idea of securing a college education for her sons, but she sought to give them the best instruction which the country schools afforded, and to provide them all with trades. Few women have begun their widowhood under more discouraging circumstances, and fewer still have met the exigencies of that position with a more determined purpose to train up their children in the way they wished them to go. Her ambition and her courage fired theirs. The children caught the inspiration of the mother, but their ideas of what their education should be were soon far beyond hers.

Nathaniel spent his childhood, till he was eight years old, with his mother in the South Village, attending the school, and performing such small services at home as lay within the range of his capacity and his years. In the spring of 1825, when he was nine years old, he went to live with his father's uncle, Dea. Nathaniel Holmes, after whom he had been named. He remained with his uncle, where he was very happy, "doing chores," and working on the farm in such ways as a boy of his age could work, till December, 1828. In August, 1831, after more than two years of employment elsewhere—one summer on a farm with Peter Davis, in Dublin, and nearly two years in the woollen mill of Henry F. Cogswell,—he entered the machine-shop of Moore & Colby,

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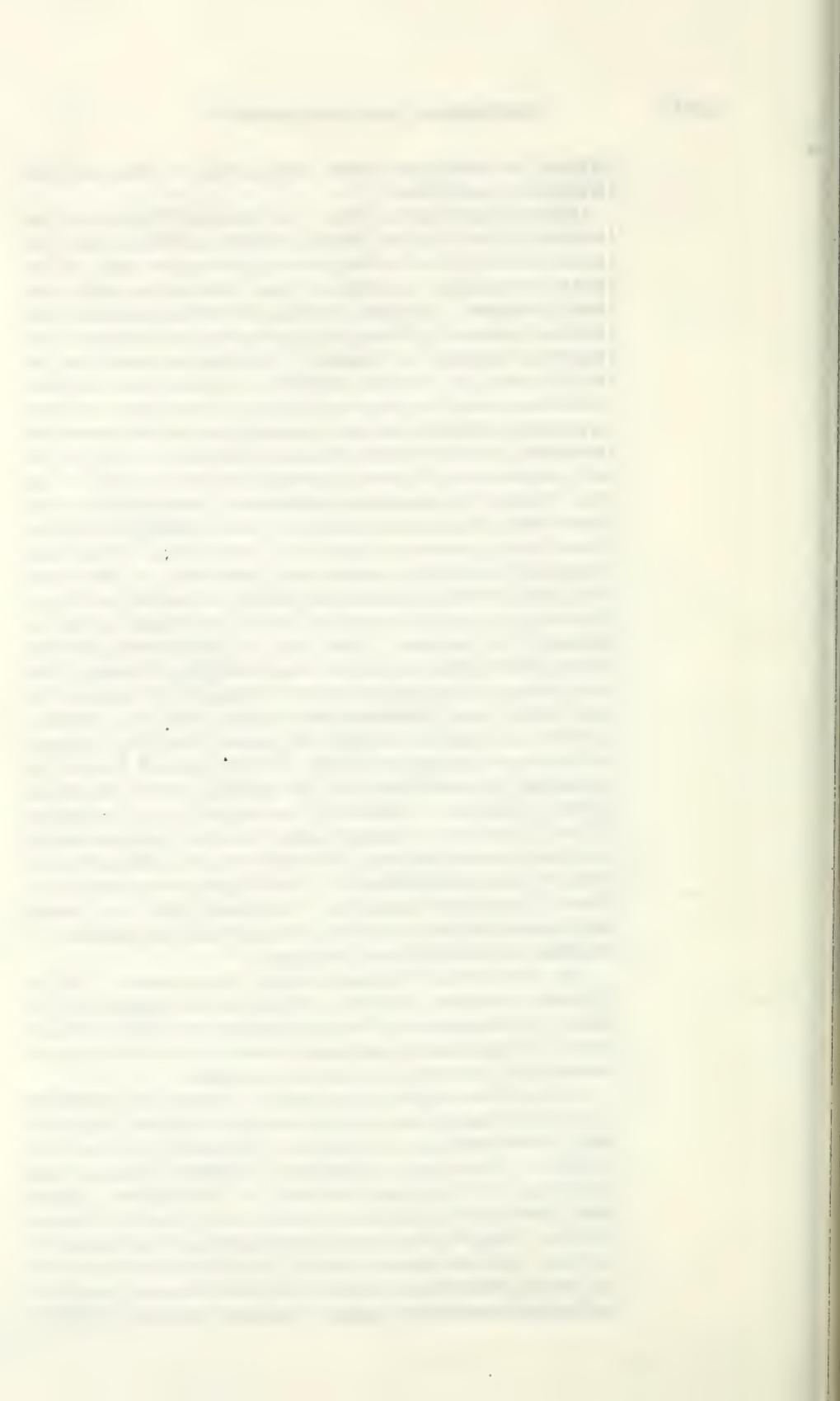
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where he spent two years and a half in learning the trade of a machinist.

During these nine years, he attended regularly the district school at the South Village in winter; and he spent most of his leisure hours, during the rest of the year, in reading or study, without instruction and without guidance. Besides reading numerous histories, he studied natural philosophy, astronomy, arithmetic, and algebra, entirely by himself. He was at work for an entire year on a single problem in Colburn's Algebra which arrested his progress. At that time there was not a person in town who could render him the assistance he required; and had there been such a person, it is not at all probable that he would have accepted his aid. The trait which this anecdote illustrates is probably the most prominent one in his character; and, though it may at times have given some trouble to his friends, in the more repulsive form which many call obstinacy, it has done him good service on many important occasions in life, in that other form, so essential to all successful living,—tenacity of purpose. One day, in Baltimore, several years after this, when he was dragging through the weary days of spring and early summer with a school of *two pupils*, and between the classes reading Dante's *Inferno*, in Italian, by way of recreation, Dr. Burnap, with whom he was studying divinity, asked him if he proposed to keep on with his school, under so much discouragement. Receiving in reply an unhesitating "Yes," the doctor jumped from his chair, and, swinging his hand above his head, shouted with full lungs, "Hurrah for New Hampshire!" Dr. Burnap was himself a New Hampshire man, from Merrimack, and his hearty enthusiasm on this occasion certainly had no tendency to weaken the resolution of his pupil.

On the first of January, 1834, he entered Phillips (Exeter) Academy, where he remained till August, 1836, when he was admitted into the Sophomore Class of Harvard College, having prepared himself for this advanced standing in two years and seven months.

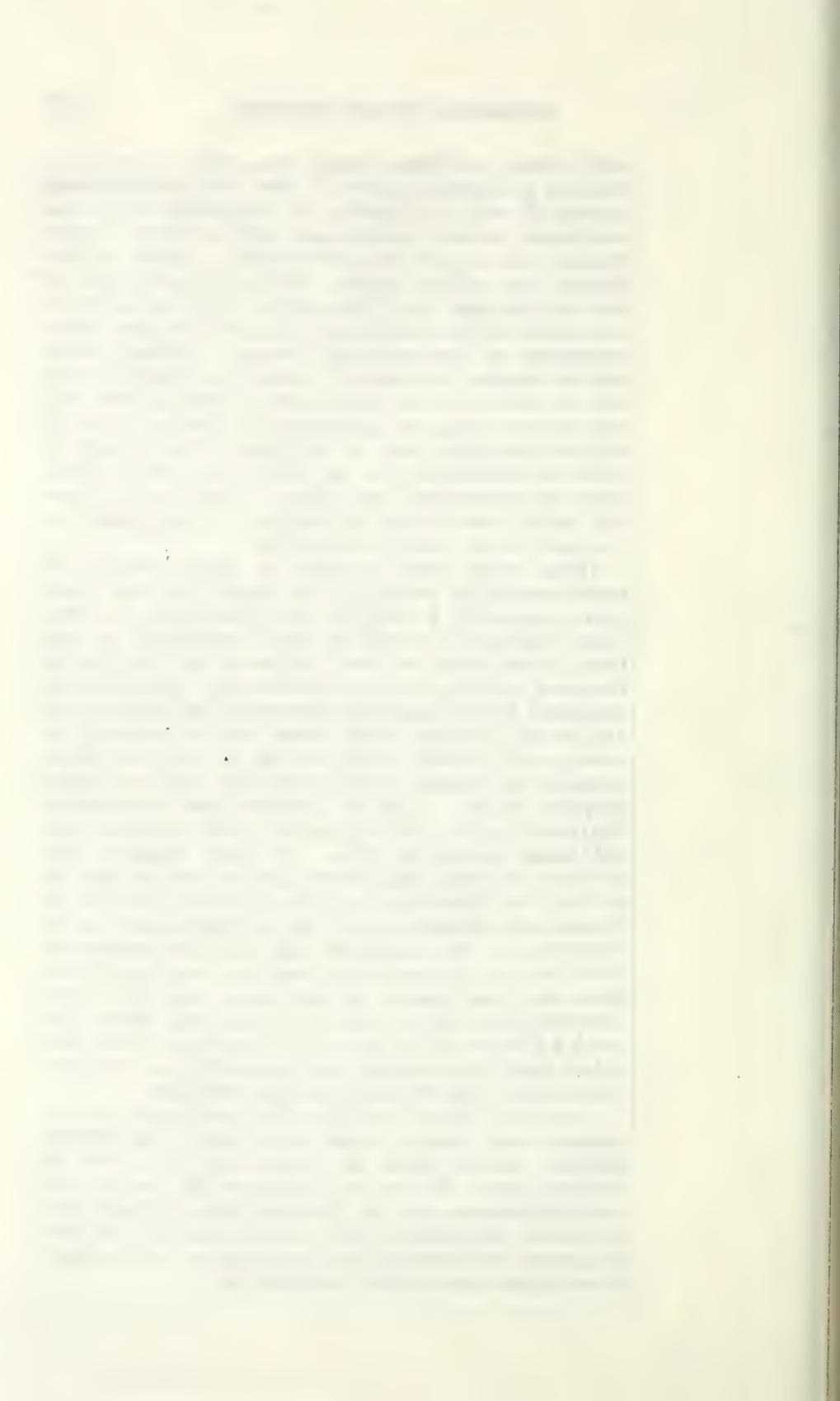
At that time eight young men, all from the southern side of the town, and interconnected by blood relationship, were seeking a collegiate education at school or college. These were Nathaniel Holmes, Horace and Nathaniel H. Morison, Barnard B. Whittemore, James and George Walker, James Smith, and Joseph Addison White. John H. Morison, whose example had probably more or less influenced them all in their desire to secure a liberal education, had a little before completed his collegiate course, and James Morison followed immedi-



ately after. All these young men, with a single exception, graduated,—some of them with distinguished honors, all with a reputation for scholarship which was creditable to their talents and their industry. James Walker was cut off by consumption before he had finished his college course. He was a young man of fair abilities and good scholarship. He had a large head and a bright eye, but his tall, thin figure gave early indications of weakness and disease. Addison White was an earnest, persevering student, to whom learning did not come as an easy task; but he was faithful and true to every duty, and graduated at Harvard, in 1840, with an honorable rank in his class. From college he went to Middletown, Pa., to take charge of a school. There he was married, and there he died, in 1843, leaving behind him nothing to indicate to his friends the character of the work he was doing.

These young men furnished to each other, at the most susceptible period of life, when the heart most craves sympathy, a delightful companionship. In their close intimacy at school, in their journeyings to and from Exeter, often on foot, in parties of from two to four, and in their vacations at home, even after they had separated for college, they experienced all those social and moral pleasures which came from a fellowship of young and ardent minds, having a common origin, common sentiments, common pursuits, and a common purpose in life. Like all persons from mountainous districts, they felt a strong, patriotic attachment to their old home among the hills. In their frequent foot-journeys to Exeter, they never failed to stop on the top of the East Mountain to take a farewell view of the Monadnock, before it passed out of their sight; and in returning, as they ascended the last mountain-slope from the east, foot-sore and weary as they always were from their long journey of sixty miles, they were never too weary for a race to the top, to see who should first catch a glimpse of the grand old mountain, which rose before them firm, majestic, and impassable, like a faithful sentinel guarding the homes of their childhood.

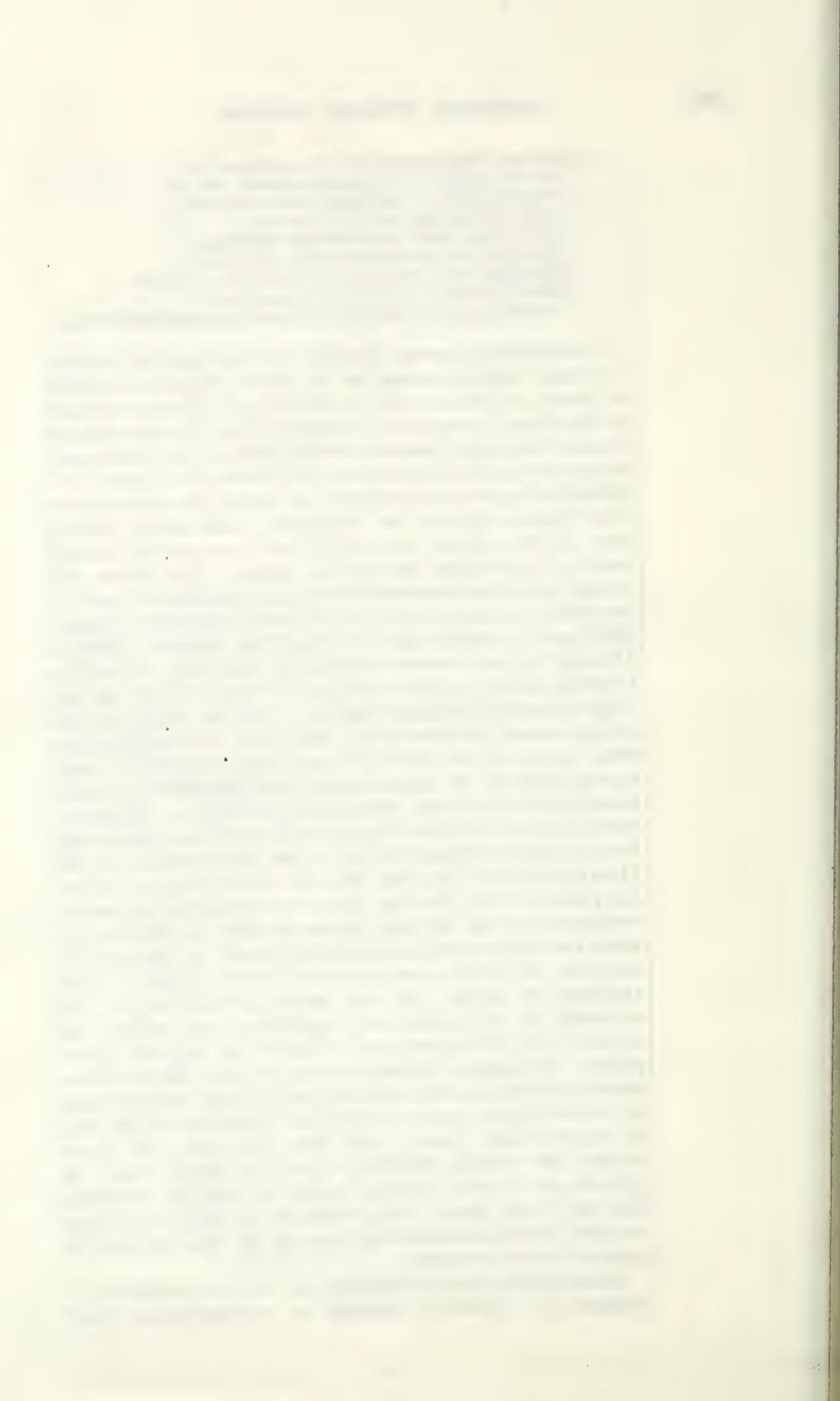
Nathaniel Morison was placed in relations of peculiar intimacy with most of these young men. His brother Horace was his chum at Exeter, and for a year in college; James Walker was his chum at Exeter; Bernard Whittemore was his classmate both at Exeter and in college; and James Smith was his chum for two years at Exeter, and they had been companions and intimate friends from their earliest childhood up.



"For they were nursed upon the self-same hill,  
Fed the same flock by fountain, shade, and rill;  
Together both, ere the high lawns appeared  
Under the opening eyelids of the morn,  
They drove afield; and both together heard  
What time the gray-fly winds her sultry horn;  
Battening their flocks with the fresh dews of night,  
Oft till the star, that rose at evening bright,  
Towards heaven's descent had sloped her westering wheel."

As a student, young Morison was obliged to practise the most rigid economy in all his expenses—in dress, in board, in books, and in travelling. He once walked on the frozen ground, in December, from Peterborough to Exeter, the entire journey costing but the two cents paid for crossing the Merrimack at Thornton's Ferry. He carried a lunch in his pocket, and spent the night at the Rev. Jacob Abbot's, in Windham. Like most country boys of the period, he sought to increase his scanty means by teaching school in winter. He began his career as a school-master during his Sophomore year, in the brick school-house on High Street, afterwards remodelled and occupied as a dwelling by Samuel Holmes. During the next winter he taught the village school in Grafton, Mass.; and in 1838-9 he had charge of the High School at Scituate Harbor. His life at school and college was a laborious one; but it was extremely pleasant. He was on terms of easy and agreeable intercourse with all his schoolmates and classmates, joining most of their societies and social gatherings. He was a member of the Golden Branch at Exeter; and in college he joined the Institute of 1770, the Harvard Union, the Hasty Pudding Club, and the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Very early in life he had shown a fondness for poetic composition, and he was chosen by his schoolmates to write the ode for the Exhibition at Exeter in 1835, and a song for the celebration of the Fourth of July by the students in 1836. At the annual exhibition of the academy in 1835, he was appointed to deliver an original English poem, and in 1836 an original Latin poem. In college he was chosen by his classmates to write the song for the class supper at the end of their Sophomore year, and the ode for class-day at the end of their Senior year. He also delivered the poem before the Hasty Pudding Club, in 1838; and he gained one of the Bowdoin prizes for English composition the same year. He graduated in 1839, the third scholar in his class, having one of the orations for his part at Commencement.

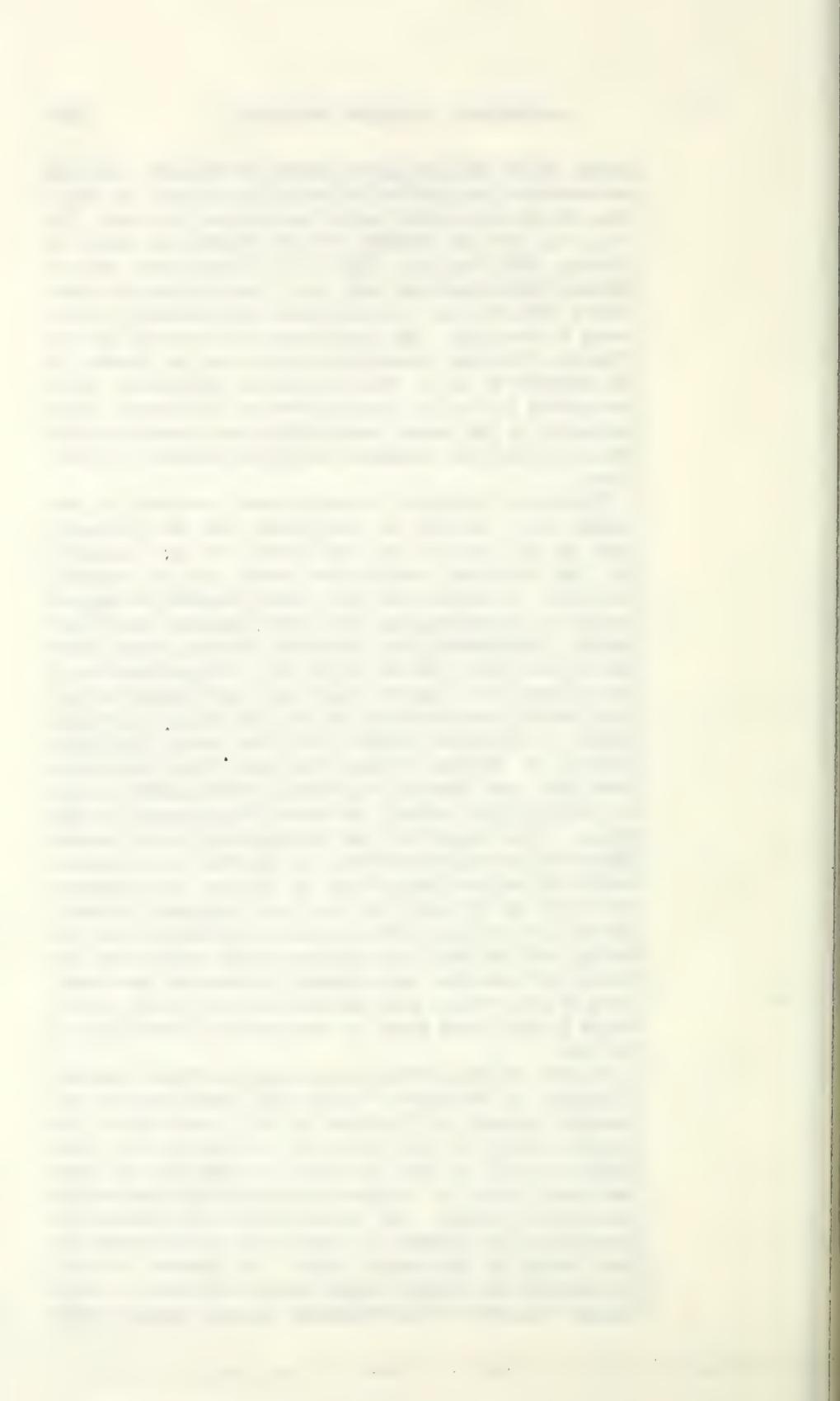
Immediately after graduating, he went to Baltimore, to become the principal teacher in a fashionable girls'



school which had just been opened in that city ; and he remained in this position for nearly two years. In May, 1841, he opened a girls' school on his own account. In 1840, he, with his brother Horace, began the study of divinity with the Rev. Dr. G. W. Burnap, an accomplished biblical scholar and critic, under whom he continued until he had completed the full course of three years in theology. He was licensed to preach by the Cheshire Pastoral Association, which met at Keene, in the summer of 1843. On the 22d of December, 1842, he married Sidney Buchanan Brown, of Baltimore. She belonged to the same Scotch-Irish race from which he was descended, her ancestors having settled near Carlisle, Penn.

His school, which for an entire term consisted of two pupils, soon became so prosperous that he gradually gave up all idea of devoting himself to the ministry. He had preached only a few times and at irregular intervals. In a few years his school became the largest in the city, numbering at one time a hundred and forty pupils. For twenty years, including the war, when there was a great falling off in pupils, the average number of his scholars was a hundred and ten — the largest private girls' school ever kept in the city for so long a period. Nearly a thousand ladies from the most intelligent families of Baltimore have received their education from him ; and five of its private schools, among them its leading girls' school, are now (1875) taught by his pupils. His school had the reputation of being unusually strict in its government, and rigorous in its requirements of serious study from its pupils. It therefore attracted few of those who were not disposed to learn. He was fond of his profession, and devoted to it all his energy and all the best powers of his mind ; and he was amply rewarded and cheered by constant manifestations of the respect and affection of his pupils, among whom he has found some of the warmest friendships of his life.

In 1867, he was invited to take charge of the Peabody Institute, of Baltimore, which had been founded by George Peabody, of London, in 1857, and which has received from him an endowment of \$1,240,000. His school was still in the full tide of success, and he long hesitated before he accepted this important but wholly unsolicited charge. He received his appointment as provost of the institute in April, and entered upon his new duties in September, 1867. He devoted himself at once to the library, which then consisted of about 15,000 volumes of miscellaneous books, among which



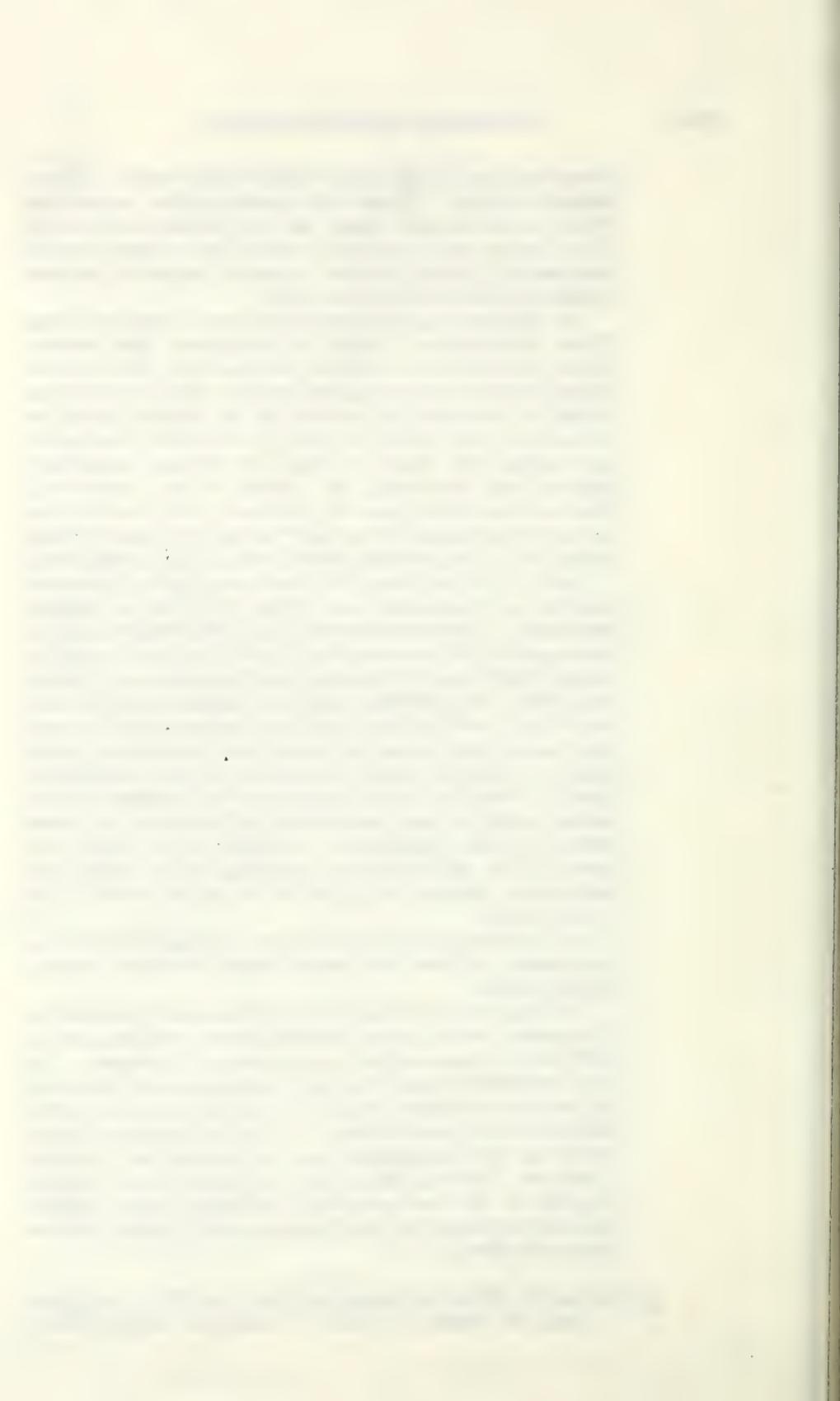
were very few of the great works which such a library should contain. Under his administration more than \$150,000 have been spent in the purchase of books. The library now contains over 60,000 volumes, and is everywhere, among scholars, regarded as one of the best reference libraries in the country.

Dr. Morison has for many years been a trustee of the First Independent Church of Baltimore. For twenty-seven years he was a member, and most of that time the superintendent, of its Sunday-school. He is one of the board of governors and visitors of St. John's College, at Annapolis, from which, in 1871, he received the honorary degree of LL.D. When a volume, beautifully printed and illustrated, was issued, in 1871, describing the representative men of Baltimore, he was selected as the "representative teacher" of the city, and a short sketch of his life, with a portrait, was placed in the book.

In 1857, he purchased in Peterborough the place now known as Bleakhouse, and fitted it up for a summer residence. The house was built by John White in 1792, and was the old homestead of the White family down to 1846, when Robert White died, and his farm was divided and sold. His affection for his old home drew him back to the place of his birth, and for nineteen years he and his family have spent at least three months of each summer amid the scenes so familiar and dear to his boyhood. When, in 1872, he gave up all interest in the school which he had established in Baltimore, and over which he had presided for a quarter of a century, he sent all his philosophical apparatus, which cost originally about \$2,000, as a gift to the high school of his native town.

He has been too busy with the practical work of his profession to have had much leisure for other literary employments.

In 1843, he published *Three Thousand Questions in Geography*, which passed through three editions, and is still used by some of the best schools in Baltimore. He also published a small book on *Punctuation and Solecisms*, of which an enlarged edition was printed in 1867, under the title of *A School Manual*. In 1871, he wrote a pamphlet on the management and objects of the Peabody Institute. Besides these, he has written nine annual reports to the trustees of the Peabody Institute, which have been printed for distribution among similar institutions elsewhere.



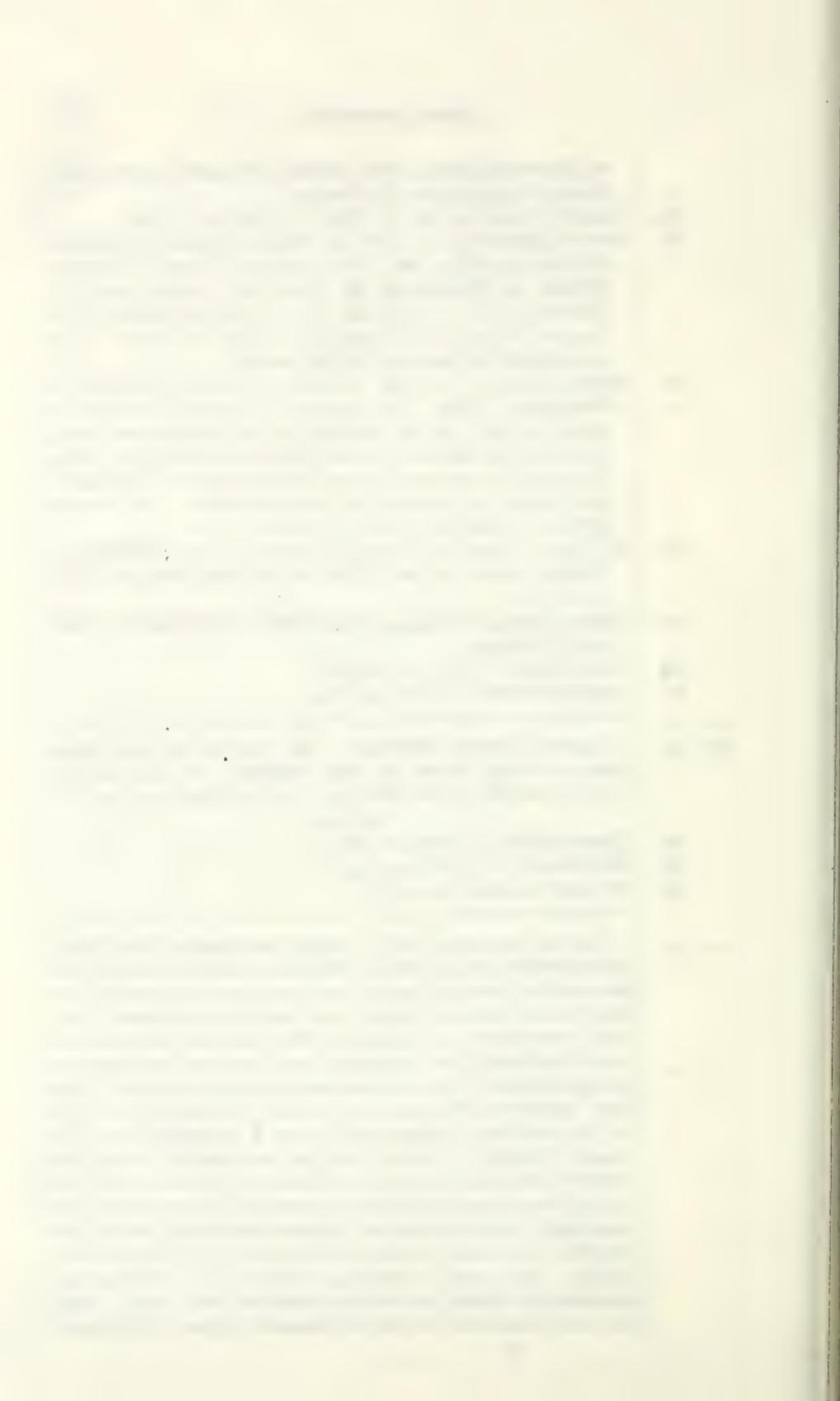
at Florence, Italy. He studied law, and is now practising his profession in Boston.

- 59 *George Brown*, b. Jan. 5, 1846; d. May 11, 1850.  
 60 *Ernest Nathaniel*, b. Nov. 14, 1848; graduate Harvard University, 1870; m., Oct. 31, 1871, Priscilla Ridgely White, of Baltimore; b. Dec. 13, 1850; ch., (1) Nathaniel H., b. Sept. 24, 1872; (2) Charles R. W., b. Jan. 21, 1874; (3) Sidney B., b. Dec. 16, 1875. He is engaged in business in Baltimore.
- 61 *Robert Brown*, b. March 13, 1851; M.D., University of Maryland, 1874. He entered Harvard College in 1869, but left in the middle of his Sophomore year, and went to Germany, where he remained three years. He spent a year each at the universities of Göttingen and Berlin, in the study of his profession. He is now settled in Baltimore as a physician.
- 62 *William George*, b. May 31, 1853; d. very suddenly at Exeter, where he was fitting for college, Oct. 30, 1869, æ. 16 yrs.
- 63 *John Holmes*, b. Jan. 21, 1856; now a member of Harvard College.
- 64 *Alice Sidney*, b. Jan. 24, 1859.
- 65 *George Burnap*, b. May 9, 1861.

31- 49 SAMUEL ADAMS MORISON. He moved to San Francisco in 1849, where he now resides. He m., Nov. 9, 1847, Ellen Smith, of Bodega, Cal., b. June 6, 1820.

- 66 *James Henry*, b. Jan. 20, 1851.  
 67 *William C.*, b. Jan. 11, 1855.  
 68 *Wallace*, b. Dec. 29, 1861.

31- 50 JAMES MORISON, M.D. After the death of his father when hardly a year old, he remained with his mother till he was ten years of age; he then lived for nearly four years as a farmer's boy in the families of Samuel Fisk and Ivory Perry, of Dublin. He received for his services his board and clothing, and had the privilege of going to school two or three months in the winter. He was employed for three years, from the spring of 1833, in the woollen factory of Henry F. Cogswell, in the South Factory Village. In the autumn of 1836, he entered Phillips (Exeter) Academy. In the spring of 1839, illness compelled him to suspend his studies at the academy. He returned to Peterborough, and began the study of medicine in the office of Drs. Follansbee & Smith. He soon, however, regained his health, and returned to Exeter, where he remained until 1841, when he was admitted to the Sophomore class of Harvard



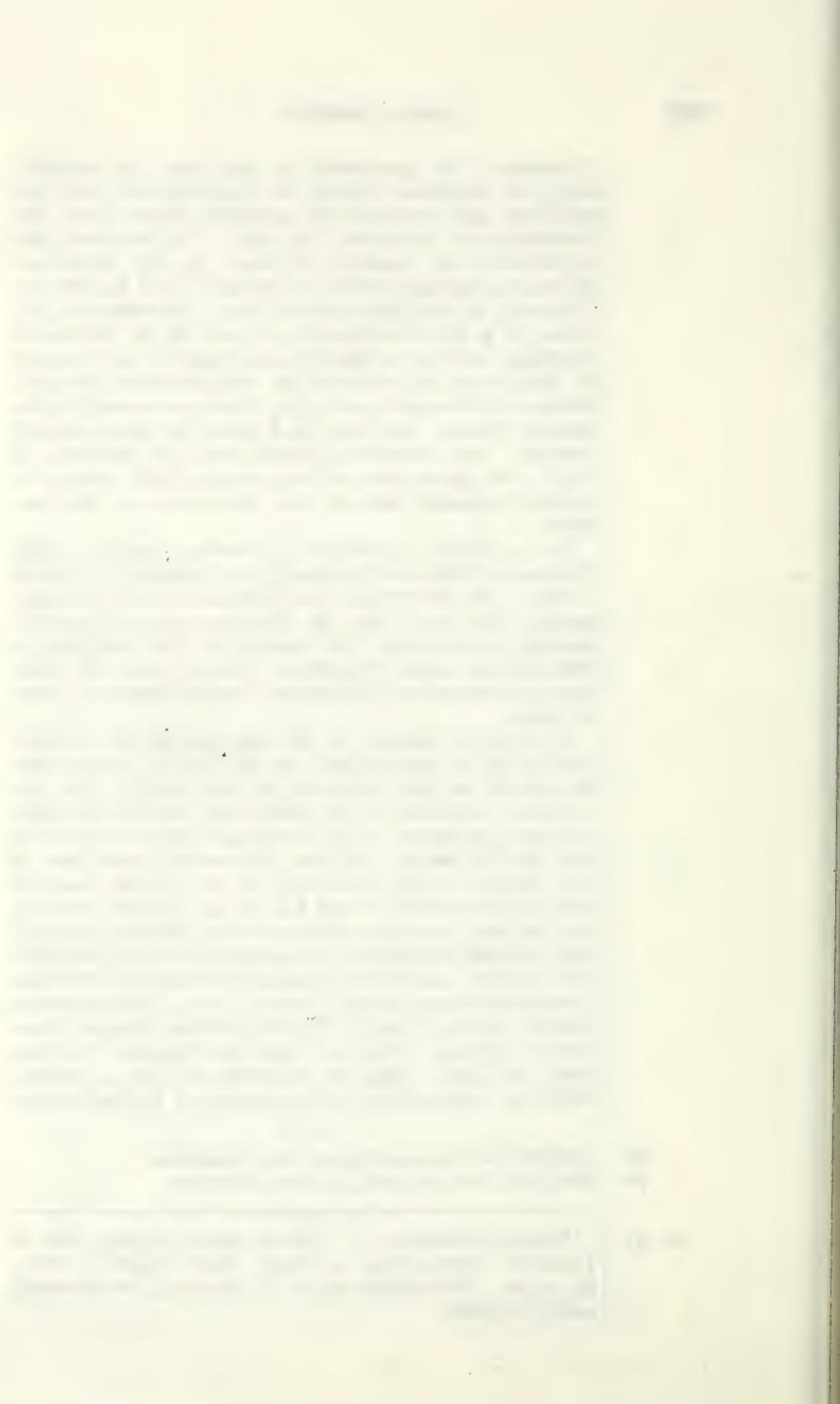
University. He graduated in 1844, and left immediately for Baltimore, where he resumed the study of medicine, and received his medical degree from the University of Maryland, in 1846. He received the appointment of resident physician of the Baltimore Infirmary, a position which he retained until he left for California, in the latter part of 1849. He went to California in a British steamship, by way of the Straits of Magellan, arriving at San Francisco early in the summer of 1850, where he remained in the practice of his profession until the spring of 1854, when he returned to the Eastern States, and went to Europe in the following October. He remained abroad until the summer of 1856. He spent most of his time in Paris, where he attended medical lectures and the clinics of the hospitals.

He m. Mary S. Sanford, of Boston, Jan. 29, 1857, the dau. of Philo and Martha (Druce) Sanford, b. March 8, 1821. He returned to San Francisco in the following spring. His w. d. Jan. 17, 1866, æ. 44 yrs., 10 mos., leaving two children. He returned to New England in 1867, and m. Ellen Wheeler, of Keene, June 16, 1868, dau. of Sumner and Catharine (Vose) Wheeler, b. June 18, 1837.

In 1858 he assisted in the organization of the first medical school established on the Pacific coast, under the charter of the University of the Pacific. He was appointed professor of the theory and practice of medicine and pathology in this school, a position which he held for five years. He was for several years one of the trustees of the University of the Pacific, and in 1869 vice-president of the California Medical Society. He has been an active member of the following medical and scientific societies and associations: California Medical Society, California Academy of Natural Sciences, Franco-American Medical Society, Paris, Massachusetts Medical Society, Norfolk District Medical Society, Dorchester Medical Club, and American Medical Association. In June, 1869, he removed to Quincy, Mass., where he now resides, in the practice of his profession.

69      *Sanford*, b. Oct. 26, 1859, at San Francisco.  
 70      *Emily*, b. Jan. 20, 1864, at San Francisco.

12- 34      ROBERT MORISON, Jr. He m. Betsey Spring, dau. of Josiah C. Spring, Sept. 12, 1805. He d. April 25, 1861, æ. 77 yrs. Lived many years in Hancock, but returned and d. in town.



- 71      | *Samuel S.*, b. Feb. 19, 1806; d. Oct. 21, 1825, æ. 19 yrs.  
 †*Josiah S.*, b. Jan. 12, 1808; m. Phebe V. Knight.  
 72      | *Robert H.*, b. March 19, 1810; m. Emily Johnson.  
 73      | *Nathaniel*, b. May 6, 1812; m. Mary Knight.  
 74      | *Elizabeth A.*, b. Dec. 23, 1814; m. Goodyear Bassett.  
 75      | *Mary Ann*, b. April 20, 1817; m. George Wilcox, April  
 76      | 18, 1848.  
 David, b. July 31, 1819; m. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 77      | *Sarah*, b. Jan. 18, 1823; d. Oct. 29, 1825, æ. 2 yrs., 9  
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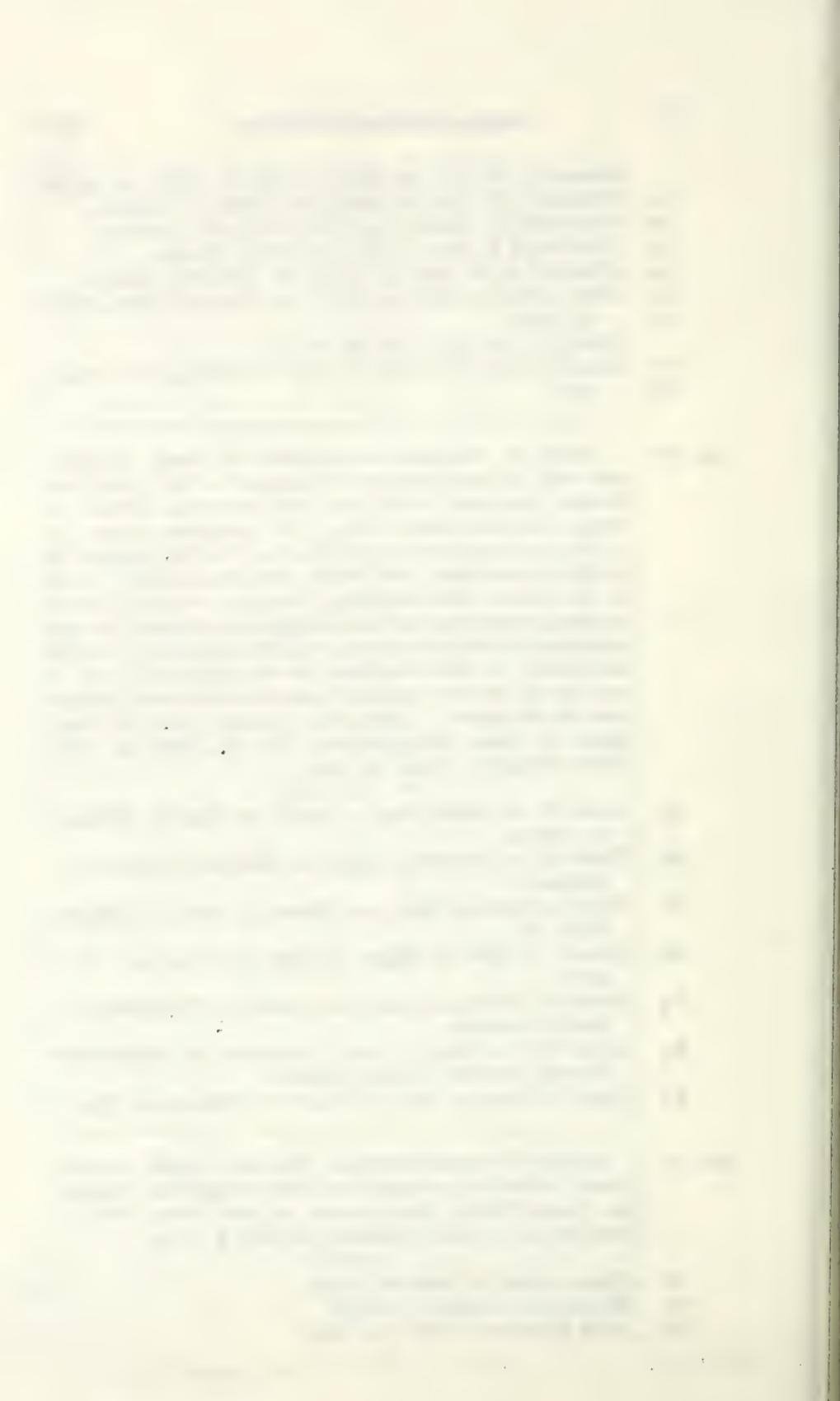
34- 72      JOSIAH S. MORISON now resides in South Acworth, and with his son Robert is engaged in the grain and lumber business. He has held important offices in town, — Representative 1845, '48, selectman 1849, '50.

He has been for a large portion of his life engaged in building machinery, and when the Cotton Mill, No. 2, of the Union Manufacturing Company was built, from his long experience and knowledge of machinery, he was employed to make all the calculations necessary to adapt the power to the machinery to be propelled, and to arrange all matters required to secure a successful operation of the same. Little or no change has ever been made in these arrangements. He m., Sept. 4, 1831, Phebe Knight, b. June 19, 1807.

- 79      | *Sarah T.*, b. Lowell, Aug. 5, 1832; m. John D. Holmes; r. Alstead.  
 80      | *Lizzie M.*, b. March 23, 1836; m. Melville S. Buxton; r. Alstead.  
 81      | *Ellen*, b. June 29, 1840; m. Moses B. Wells; r. Bellows Falls, Vt.  
 82      | *Sylva S.*, b. Dec. 8, 1842; d. Sept. 13, 1844, æ. 1 yr., 9 mos.  
 83      | *Robert S.*, b. Oct. 25, 1845; m. Sarah A. Washburn; r. South Acworth.  
 84      | *Edgar K.*, b. May 6, 1848; graduate of Bridgewater Normal School. Now a teacher.  
 85      | *Phebe*, b. March 2, 1852; d. April 13, 1852, æ. 41 dys.
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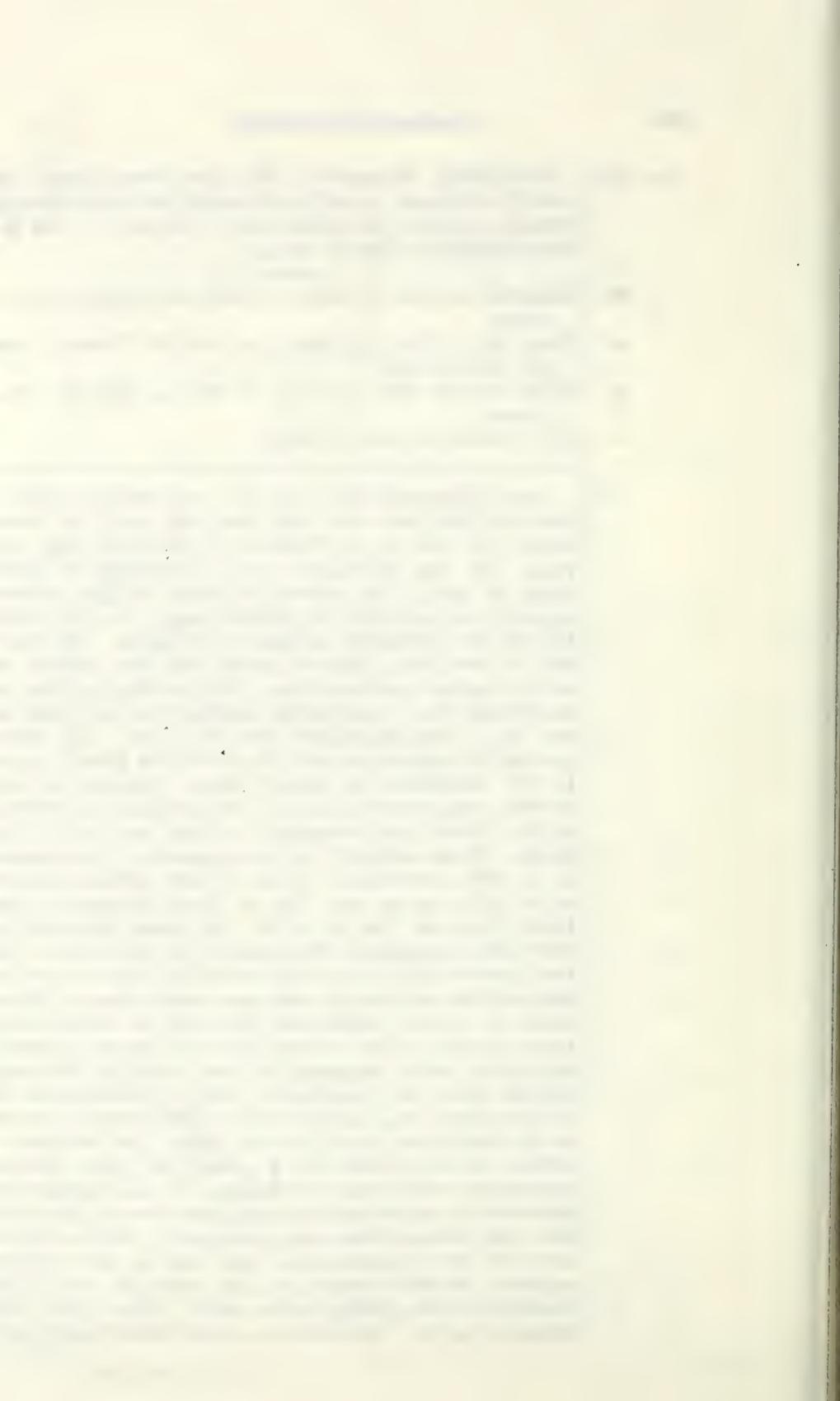
34- 73      ROBERT HOLMES MORISON. He lived many years in Lowell, when he returned to Peterborough and bought the James Gregg place, where he now lives. He m., June 27, 1855, Emily Johnson, b. Nov. 4, 1819.

- 86      | *Elmer Leland*, b. June 20, 1857.  
 87      | *Hermon R.*, b. Sept. 25, 1859.  
 88      | *Stella Edwina*, b. Nov. 25, 1863.



- 34- 74 NATHANIEL MORISON. He lived many years in Lowell, and then re. to Peterborough, but subsequently bought a farm in Greenfield, where he now r. He m. Mary Knight, b. Oct. 18, 1815.
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- 89 *Edgar D.*, b. Jan. 17, 1842; d. Aug. 16, 1843, æ. 1 yr., 7 mos.
- 90 *Henry B.*, b. Nov. 18, 1845; m. Abby M. Weston; one ch., Dora Mabel.
- 91 *Willie Aldo*, b. May 10, 1855; d. Oct. 9, 1856, æ. 1 yr., 5 mos.
- 92 *Myro Almon*, b. June 21, 1857.
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I JOHN MORRISON (Rev.) is of a race entirely distinct from the early settlers of this town who bore the same name. He was b. in Pathfoot, in Scotland, May 22, 1743. He was graduated at the University of Edinburgh in 1765. He arrived in Boston the May following, and was ordained at Peterborough, Nov. 26, 1766. He was the first settled minister of the town. He was a man of more than ordinary talents, but soon proved to be intemperate and licentious. His conduct became so scandalous that a presbyterian meeting was held, and he was for a time suspended from his office. He relinquished his connection with the society in March, 1772. In the meanwhile he visited South Carolina, but returned; and, after the battle of Bunker Hill, he deserted to the British, and remained in their service till his death. He d. suddenly (as is supposed) at Charleston S. C., while a commissary in the British service, May 26 or 27, 1782, æ. 49 yrs. He m. Sarah Ferguson, dau. John Ferguson, Jan. 8, 1767. He never returned to town after he deserted the cause of the colonists. His family were left in a destitute condition, and in 1776 he informed his wife that if some one would come to New York, to a place designated by him, he would send money to her. Her brother, Henry Ferguson, accordingly went, and is supposed to have been on this very service when the Association Test, or Declaration of Independence, was signed by the eighty-three in town, as his name is not found among them. He received a certain amount, some say a pound, of gold; others, some three or four hundred dollars. In his absence he incurred the suspicion of having gone over to the British,—but never a truer man or patriot! Bad as Morrison has been represented, and bad as his conduct appears, his wife never lost her faith in him. This transaction was greatly to his credit. She d. Nov. 28, 1824, æ. 84 yrs. Her last days were tenderly and care-

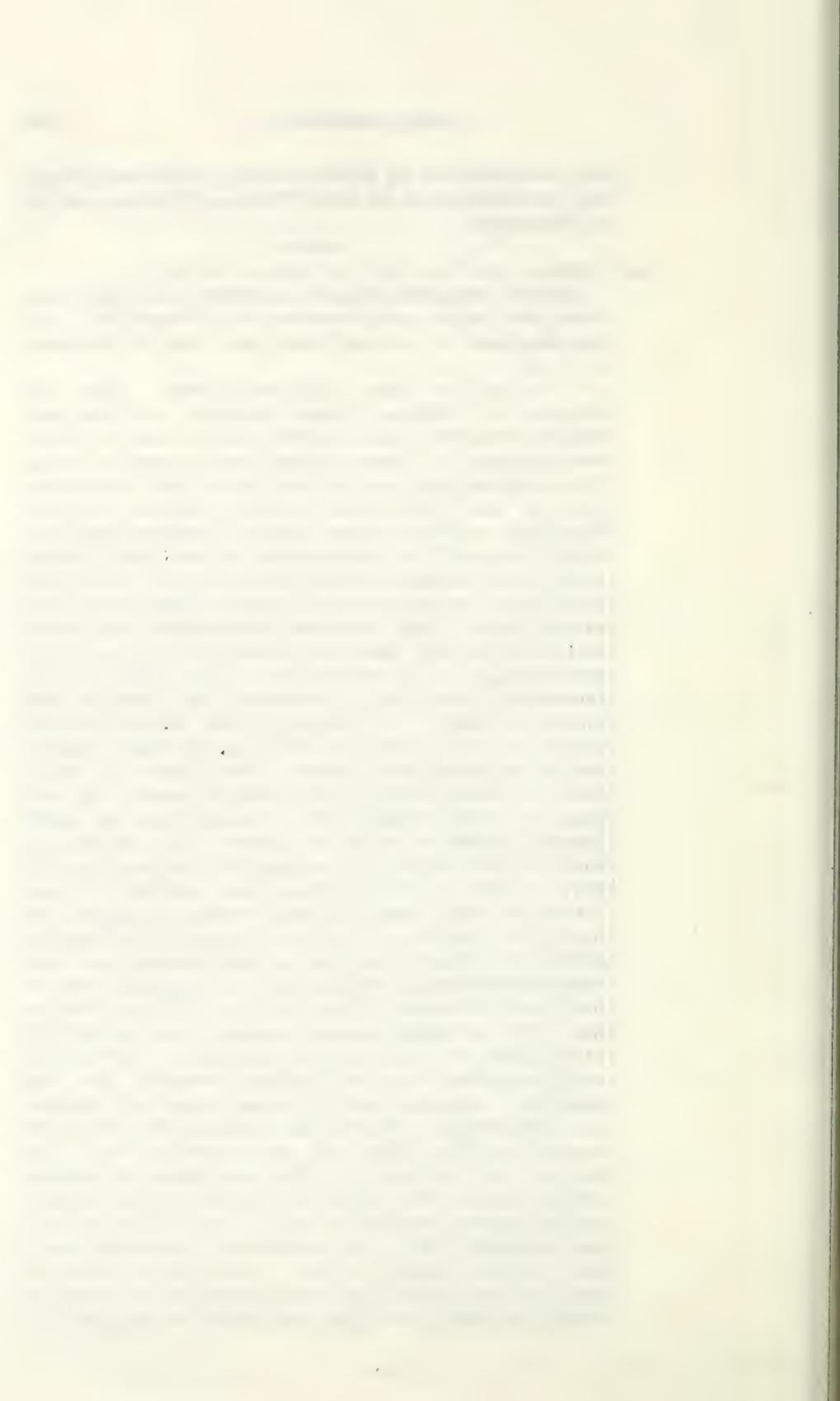


fully watched over by Maria Stevens, an adopted daughter, who afterwards m. Abel Phelps, of Boston, and d. at Watertown.

2 *John, b. 1768 ; d. Nov. 15, 1794, æ. 26 yrs.*

Quite a romantic incident connected with John Morrison, the eldest son, deserves to be recorded; it is communicated in a letter from Rev. John H. Morison, D.D.:—

"He had two sons, John and James. John was educated at Phillips (Exeter) Academy, and was still remembered with great affection and respect by prominent citizens of Exeter, when I went there in 1824. The following story was told me more than thirty years ago, by Mrs. Phelps, the adopted daughter of Mrs. Morrison, and was written down by me at that time. Mrs. Phelps will be remembered by our older inhabitants by her maiden name of Maria Stevens. She faithfully cared for and watched over Mrs. Morrison as long as she lived. John Morrison, the minister's son, while in Exeter, probably somewhere near 1790 to 1792 or '93, was engaged to be married to a Miss Tilton, a very interesting young lady, afterwards Mrs. Sleeper, the mother of Capt. J. S. Sleeper, of the Boston *Journal*. A year or two before his death Mr. Morrison went to one of the West India Islands. While there he sent a letter to Miss Tilton, by his brother James, who was going to Peterborough, with a request that he would himself deliver it to her in Exeter. He accordingly went to Exeter for that purpose, but on reaching the town, he fell in with persons who disliked or were jealous of Miss Tilton, and was by them persuaded not to deliver the letter. He saw the lady, who inquired about his brother John, but as she received no communication from her former lover, she supposed that he had lost his interest in her, and she did not write to him. He thereupon, hearing nothing from her in reply to the letter, which he took for granted had been delivered, supposed that her feelings towards him had changed. Sometime after, he came home to his mother in Peterborough, far gone in consumption, and then learned why Miss Tilton had not written to him. But he had now no hope of living, and when his mother advised him to write to the lady, explaining the reasons of his apparent neglect, he said, 'No, I think she will feel my death less, if she continues to suppose that I had lost my interest in her.' A few days before he died, he took from his bosom some little keepsake, which she had given him, and threw it into the fire,



saying, 'It is all over now. I have given up, and am ready to go.' I have no doubt that this account is substantially true. It was told to Mrs. Phelps by his mother. It has always seemed to me a very unselfish and touching act on his part, and reminds one of Shakespeare's beautiful sonnet:—

"Nay, if you read this line, remember not  
The hand that writ it; for I love you so  
That I in your sweet thoughts would be forgot,  
If thinking on me then should make you woe."

"This is almost the only romantic incident that I find in connection with our early history. It may be well to preserve it, as an offset to the unfavorable view of the father's life and character, which we are obliged to take. The mother was a woman of rare excellence of character."

3 *Polly*, b. 1770; d. April 1, 1812, æ. 42 yrs.  
4 †*William*, b. 1772. (5) *James*, b. —.

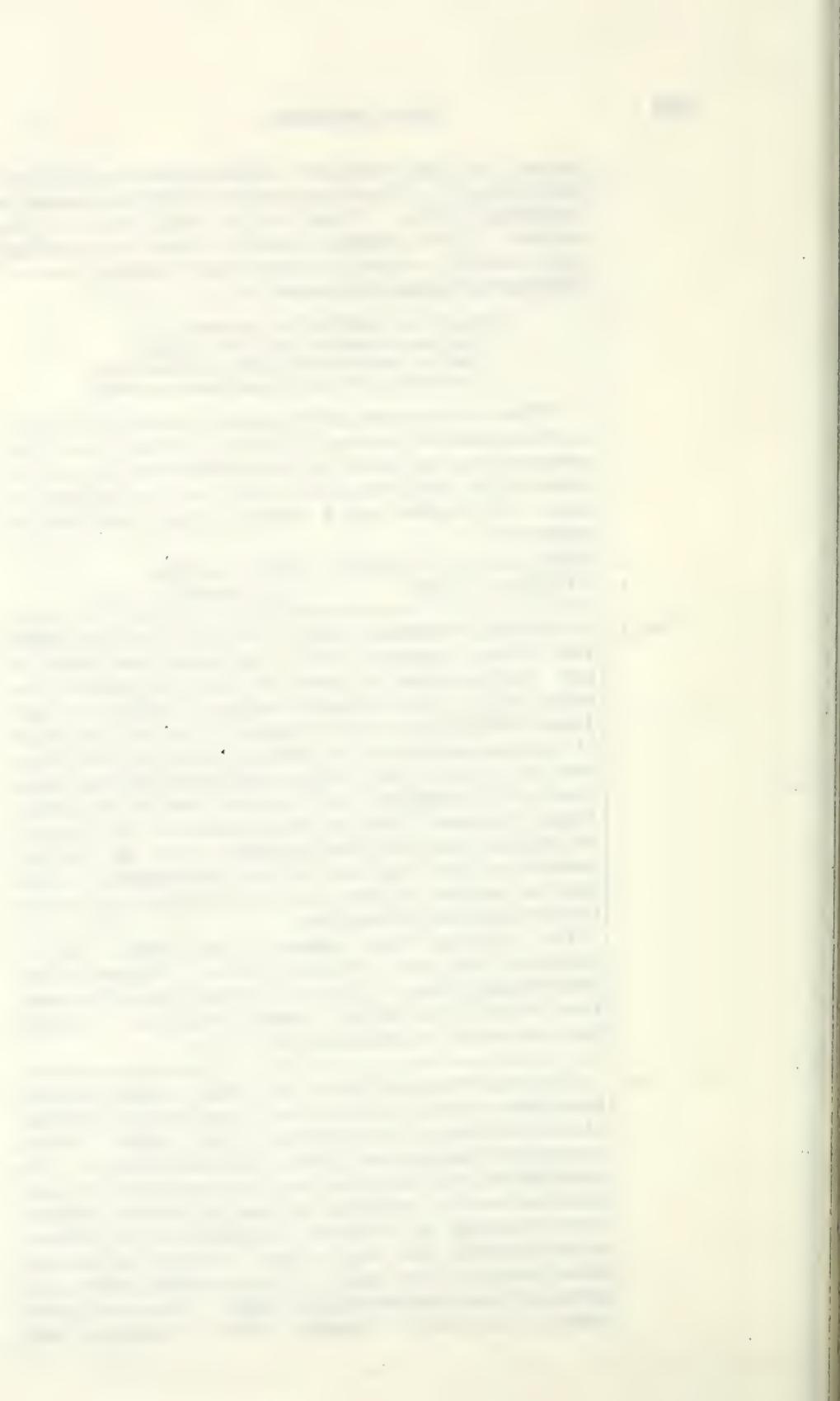
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1- 4 WILLIAM MORRISON was b. about 1772, and lived with Henry Ferguson till he was twenty-one years of age. He remained in town till after the famous nocturnal visit to Rev. David Annan, in which he and James Miller (Gen.) were selected by the party to seize Mr. Annan as soon as he came to the door, and place him on the pole. Mr. Annan recognized William Morrison in his disguise, and reported him to his uncle, Henry Ferguson. He did not approve of the conduct of William, and his disapprobation, and the fear of prosecution and trial, were so very humiliating to him, that he resolved at once to leave Peterborough, which occurred probably about 1800.

But little has been known of him since. He at one time lived near Pittsburg, Penn. He has visited Peterborough once, in 1826 or '27, and also at the same time visited Gen. Miller's family at Salem. Nothing has been heard of him since 1829 or '30.

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I ABRAHAM PERKINS MORRISON, a race entirely distinct from those of that name who had been the early settlers of the town, was b. in Sanbornton, Oct. 5, 1807. He was the son of Jonathan and Esther Perkins Morrison. His grandfather, Bradbury Morrison, who was also b. in Sanbornton, was the youngest but one of twelve children. After receiving the ordinary education of the district schools, which was very meagre, he was apprenticed when young to the trade of paper-making, before the advent of machines for making paper. He worked some time at his trade in Franklin, when, in company with



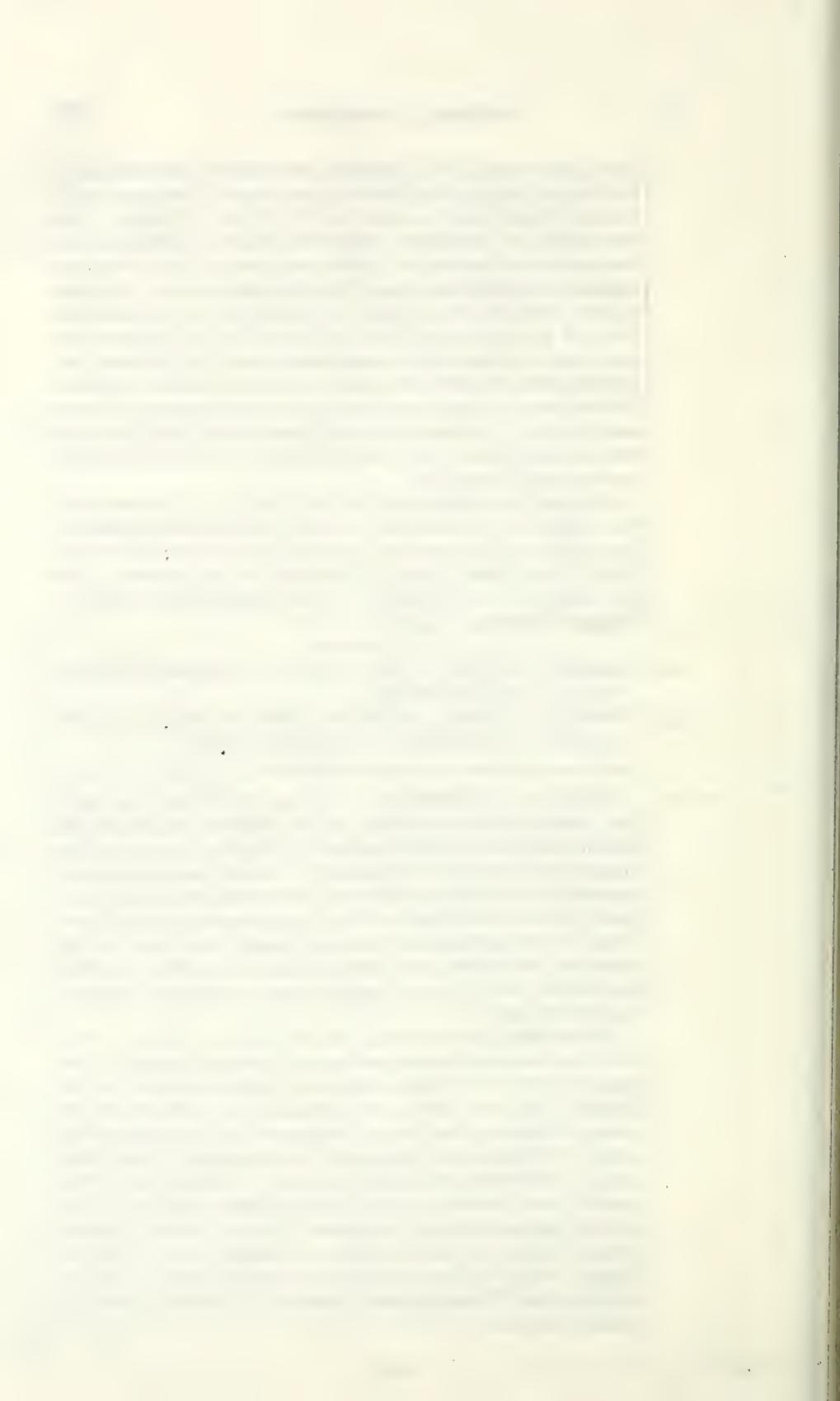
John Hoyt and A. C. Blodgett, he came to Peterborough in August, 1831, they having purchased the paper-mill formerly built and owned by W. S. & J. Smith. He continued in the same business till his death, having become sole owner of the premises. Mr. Morrison became a highly useful and respectable citizen. He was a good business man, safe in his judgments, and honorable and upright in all his dealings ; he was benevolent and kind to those who were needy and in distress, forbearing and charitable to the errors and faults of others. He was never harsh and severe in his judgment of men and things. He was universally respected, and his death was a great loss to the community. Such men's places are not easily supplied.

He was Representative in 1848, '62, '63. He moved to the village in the autumn of 1866, having purchased the house formerly owned and occupied by Stephen P. Steele, Esq. He d. here, Sept. 15, 1870, æ. 61 yrs., 10 mos. He m., Aug. 19, 1833, Mary, dau. of James and Margaret Taggart Robbe, of Dublin.

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- 2 †*Mortier L.*, b. July 2, 1836 ; m., 1st w., Susan M. Gates ; 2d w., Caroline Brooks.  
 3 *Helen M.*, b. Nov. 1, 1838 ; m., Nov. 18, 1856, J. Madison Nay. She d. Dec. 23, 1865, æ. 27 yrs..

— 2 — MORTIER L. MORRISON. He was prevented in early life from attending school as he wished, by ill health, which continued to his manhood. He had to acquire his education principally by himself. Subsequent to a severe necrosis of the tibia, which had continued for a number of years, he was attacked with a dangerous typhoid fever, when about eighteen or nineteen years old, from which, when he recovered, he found himself in better health ; so that he was able to pursue and attain his trade of paper-making.

He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion, Aug. 31, 1862, and was mustered into service as Quarter Master's Sergeant, 13th N. H. Vols., Sept. 26, 1862, and as Quarter Master, Aug. 12, 1863. He remained in service to the close of the war, and was discharged in the summer of 1865. He sold the paper-mill to Adams & Nay, June, 1870. Selectman in 1868, '69, '70. Was chosen treasurer of the Peterborough Savings Bank, April 18, 1873, which position he now occupies. He m., 1st w., Aug. 9, 1861, Susan M. Gates, dau. of Samuel and Charlotte Gates. She d. May 1, 1862, æ. 27 yrs. ; one ch. ; m., 2d w., Caroline Brooks, dau. Charles H. Brooks, March 5, 1866 ; two ch.



- 4 *Alice Gates*, b. April 2, 1862.  
 5 *Mary Brooks*, b. March 8, 1868.  
 6 *Abraham Perkins*, b. July 7, 1870.

## THE MUSSEY FAMILY.

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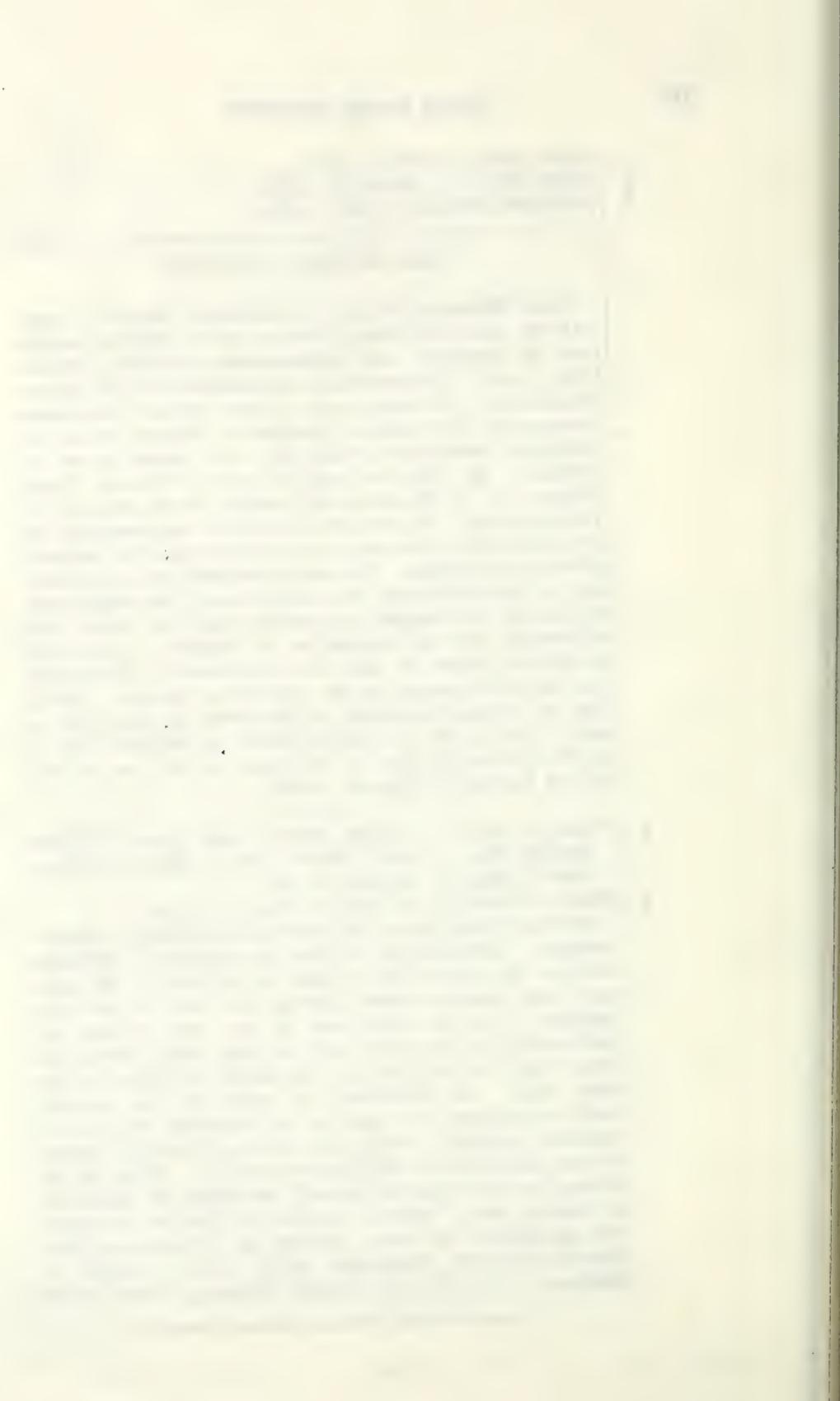
JOHN MUSSEY (Dr.), b. in Kingston, Sept. 11, 1745, was the son of Reuben Mussey, one of the first selectmen of Amherst, and representative to the General Court, 1778. He studied his profession with Dr. Moses Nichols, of Amherst, and at the age of twenty-one commenced his medical practice in Pelham, where he continued twenty-five years, till 1791, when he re. to Amherst. In 1800, he bought a part of the old Hugh Wilson lot, of the heirs of Patrick White, and re. to Peterborough. We do not learn that he practised his profession after he came to Peterborough, nor, indeed, after he left Pelham. He was a devotedly religious man, and a Presbyterian of the strictest sect; he would only partake of the communion service when the bread was *unleavened*, and was compelled, in fidelity to his views, to ride to Antrim to take the sacrament.\* In his old age, his son operated on his eyes for a cataract. He d. Jan. 17, 1831, of a cancer on the lower lip, æ. 85 yrs., 4 mos. He m., 1st w., Beulah Butler, of Pelham; she d. at Peterborough, Dec. 13, 1805, æ. 59 yrs.; m., 2d w., Rhoda Bartlett, of Epsom, in 1807.

- 2 *John*, b. 1778; m. Sally Robbe, dau. Lieut. William Robbe, Dec. 3, 1821. He d. Dec. 3, 1842, æ. 64 yrs. She d. Aug. 27, 1840, æ. 61 yrs.

- 3 *Reuben Dimond*, b. in Pelham, June 23, 1780.

He was twenty years old when his father re. to Peterborough. Determined to have an education, although too poor to attain it, he labored on a farm in the summer, and taught school during the winter, for this purpose. This he continued to do, still making all preparation in his power, until he had fitted himself to enter the Junior class in Dartmouth College, in the year 1801. He continued to teach for his support while in college, and paid all his expenses by his own exertions, except a small sum received from his father, of one hundred and thirty-three dollars. With all his difficulties, he acquitted himself creditably in college as a scholar, being reckoned in the first third of his class. He graduated in 1803, having for classmates Gov. Henry Hubbard, Frederick Hall, LL.D., George C. Shattuck, M.D., LL.D., Nathan Weston, Chief Justice

\* Letter of Professor William H. Mussey, Cincinnati, O.





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Yours truly  
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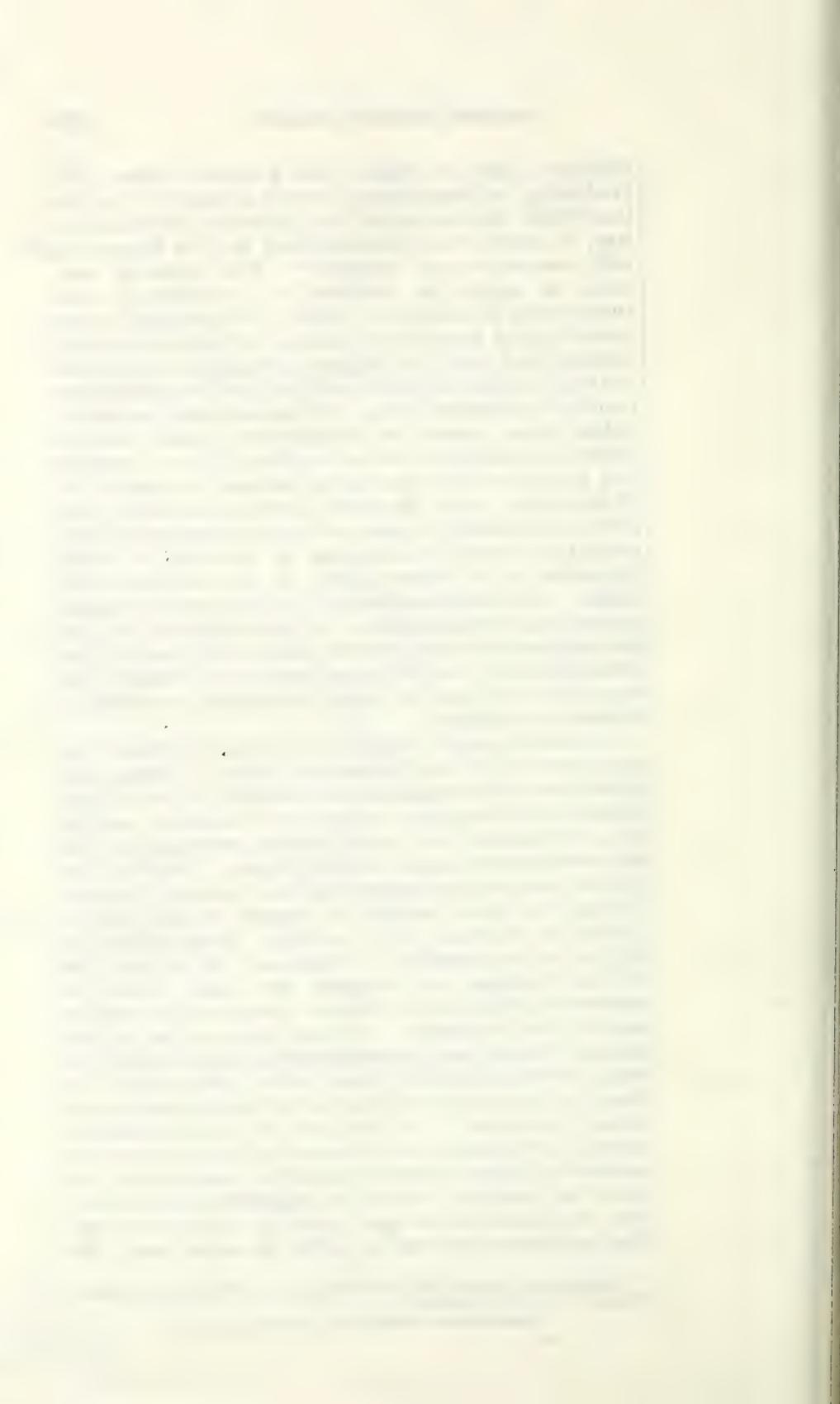


Superior Court of Maine, and Edmund Parker. On graduating he immediately became a pupil of Dr. Nathan Smith, the founder of the Dartmouth Medical College, "a name ever to be mentioned in New Hampshire with veneration and respect."\* The following year, 1804, he taught the academy in Peterborough, and studied with Dr. Howe, of Jaffrey. He probably taught school only a part of this year, as we find he attended lectures, and took the degree of Bachelor of Medicine in 1805; and in September of that year he commenced practice in Ipswich, Mass. He subsequently settled in Salem, Mass., where he distinguished himself for his scientific attainments, as well as his skill as a surgeon and physician. He afterwards pursued his studies in Philadelphia, where he made several interesting and novel experiments, in one of which he proved conclusively the theory of "absorption by the skin," in direct opposition to a former theory of the celebrated Dr. Rush. This was the subject of his thesis at his second graduation, in Philadelphia. In the autumn of 1814, he was appointed to the chair of theory and practice and obstetrics in the medical department of Dartmouth College, Hanover, and he gave in addition a course of lectures on chemistry.

At various periods, from 1814 to 1837, he filled all the professorships of the Dartmouth Medical College, and at the time of his resignation was lecturing in the distinct departments of anatomy, surgery, and obstetrics; and all this, in addition to a large practice, embracing all the important surgical cases in that region. He filled the chair of anatomy and surgery for four years, at Bowdoin College, and also lectured on surgery in the Medical College at Fairfield, N.Y., in 1837. Being invited, in 1837, to a professorship in Cincinnati, O., in the Ohio Medical College, he accepted the same, where he removed in 1838, and for fourteen years was the leading man in that institution. He then founded the Miami Medical College, and labored assiduously for its good six years, when he retired from active professional life, though still retaining all his ardor and enthusiasm for his chosen profession.† At the close of his professional duties, in 1858, being now seventy-eight years of age, he removed to Boston, where he spent the remainder of his life in the family of one of his daughters, and d. there, from the infirmities of age, June 21, 1866, æ. 86 yrs. This retirement was not to a life of entire ease. He

\* Commemorative Address, Prof. A. B. Crosby, p. 5, to which we are indebted for many of the facts in this sketch.

† Commemorative Address, Prof. A. B. Crosby, p. 7.



wrote a very useful book during this period, entitled *Health; its Friends and its Foes*. It must have cost him much labor and investigation. It embodies very much that should be again and again impressed on the public mind. Dr. Mussey, both as an operative and scientific surgeon, attained a national reputation, and was respected all through New Hampshire as one of her most distinguished sons. He performed all the capital operations in surgery, having operated for lithotomy forty-nine times, and all recovered but four; and for strangulated hernia forty times, with only eight fatal cases. He was the first to perform the operation of tying both the carotid arteries in the same person, with entire success. "This operation gave him great *éclat*, both at home and abroad."

"As a surgeon, he was bold and fearless, and ever willing to assume any legitimate responsibility, though it took him into the undiscovered country of experiment." He lectured in medical colleges forty-four years, and was always respected and beloved by his students. He was always an impressive lecturer, and his manner was simple and earnest. He was ever, from his youth, a consistent and devout Christian, and his record is without spot or blemish. He was a good man and a great man, and few have lived such a life of usefulness as he did. During his professional life, he twice visited Europe for the purpose of medical and scientific improvement.

We are proud to recognize him among our inhabitants, as this was his only home for several years. He m., 1<sup>st</sup> w., Mary Sewall, of Ipswich, Mass., who survived the marriage only six months; he m., 2<sup>d</sup> w., Hitty Osgood, dau. Dr. Joseph Osgood, of Salem, Mass.; she d. May 14, 1866. He left a large family.

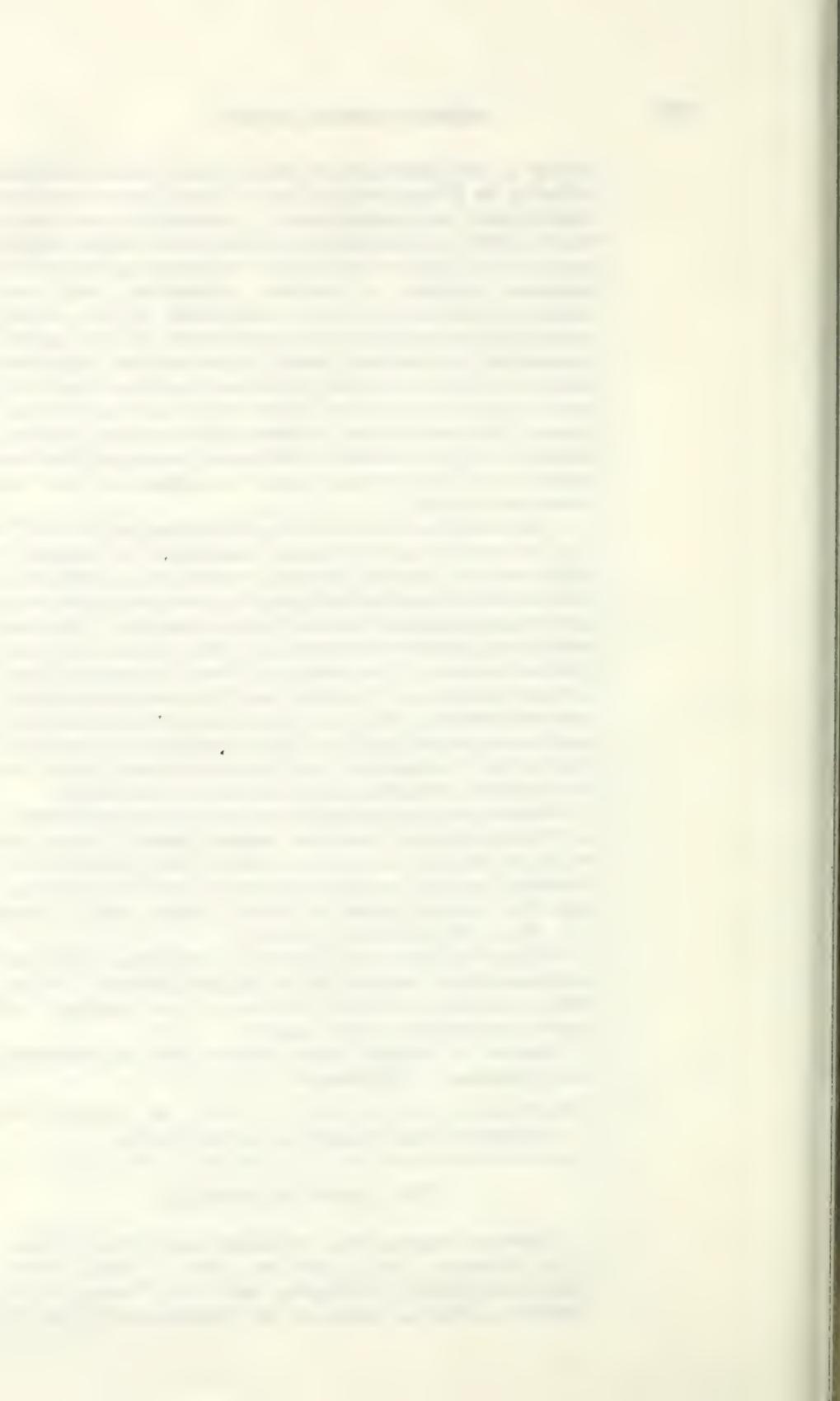
William H. Mussey, M.D., one of his sons, holds the professorship of surgery in the Miami Medical College, which his father founded, to whom I am indebted for many facts relating to the family.

Francis B. Mussey, M.D., another son, is practising his profession in Portsmouth, O.

- 4 Jonathan, b. 1810; d. Oct. 17, 1829, æ. 19 yrs. He accidentally shot himself, as was supposed.

### THE NAHOR FAMILY.

- 1 LEONARD NAHOR, son of David and Esther Nahor, b. in Hancock, Dec. 8, 1806, m., April 6, 1837, Morinda Tenney, dau. of Stephen and Lucy Tenney, b. in Hancock, May 4, 1812; re. to Peterborough, April 6,



1837, and settled on the William Ballard farm, in the north part of the town, on the road to Hancock, where they now live.

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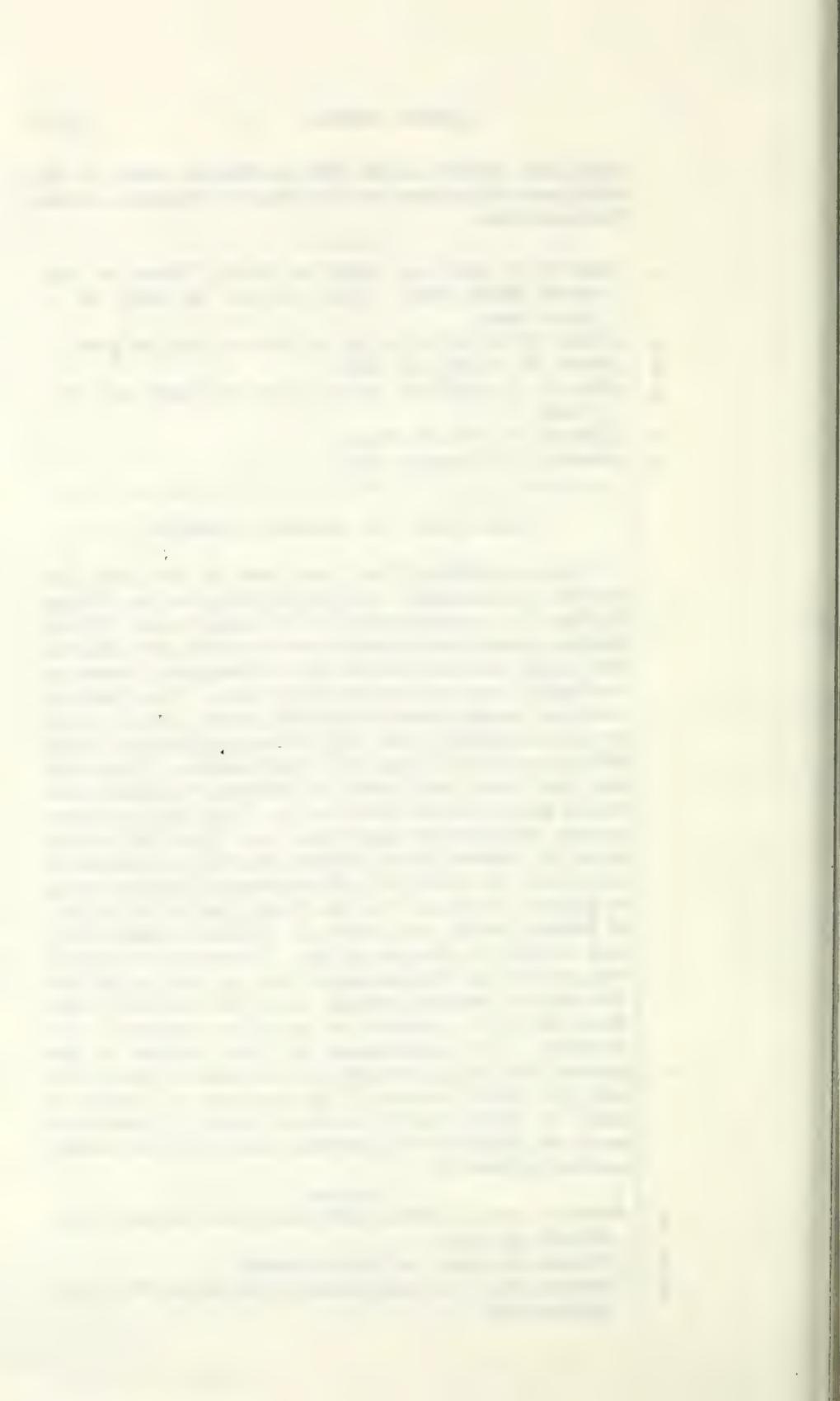
- 2 *Susie F.*, b. April 25, 1838; m. Henry Mason, of Andover, Mass., June 2, 1862; d. Jan. 20, 1863, æ. 24 yrs., 8 mos.
  - 3 *David F.*, b. July 22, 1839; d. Oct. 11, 1848, æ. 9 yrs.
  - 4 *Stephen M.*, b. Aug. 9, 1841.
  - 5 *Mary E.*, b. April 26, 1843; d. Oct. 11, 1848, æ. 5 yrs., 5 mos.
  - 6 *Ellen M.*, b. July 26, 1849.
  - 7 *Emma F.*, b. June 25, 1854.
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#### THE NAY OR McNEE FAMILY.

1 WILLIAM McNEE (Dea.) was one of the early settlers of Peterborough. In the year 1745 or '46, William Mcnee, in company with John Taggart and William Ritchie, looked out a place in town to settle, and selected lots on the south part of the farm subsequently known as the Shedd farm, and the adjoining lands. Here they cut a strip of woods twenty rods wide, cutting out the small growth and girdling the large trees, and then left it, and did not return till 1752 with their families. This chopping had been burnt over by hunters or Indians, and was in good order for corn or rye. They had, in consequence, an abundant crop that year. Dea. Mcnee m., 1st w., in Ireland, Mary Eckless Brownley, by whom he had all his ch. She d. in Peterborough, October, 1759, æ. 48 yrs. He m., 2d w., wid. Sarah Smith Bell, a dau. of Robert Smith, and sister of William Smith, Esq., who d. Jan. 31, 1814, æ. 98 yrs. He was b. in Ireland. 1711, and d. in Peterborough, Dec. 23, 1789, æ. 78 yrs. We are not perfectly certain as to Dea. Mcnee's residence before he removed to town, but suppose it was Roxbury. The descendants of Dea. Mcnee to the present time, 1873, have reached the seventh generation, and the whole amount of his posterity, as nearly as could be ascertained by a careful inquiry, is one thousand one hundred and fourteen, and yet by no means embracing them all.

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- 2 *Robert*, b. 1735; killed at Fort George, in Rodgers' Fight, March 13, 1757.
- 3 † *William*, b. 1740; m. Betsey Russell.
- 4 *James*, b. ——; m. Patty Swan; re. to Milton, Vt., 1802; thirteen ch.



- 5 | *Mary*, b. 1745 ; m. James Cunningham.  
 6 | *Rebecca*, b. — ; unm. ; d. May 25, 1785, æ. 31 yrs.  
 7 | *Elizabeth*, b. — ; m. Lieut. James Taggart ; re. to Dublin, 1788.  
 8 | *Mariam*, b. 1751 ; m. Wm. Milliken ; 2d w. ; d. Nov. 21, 1811, æ. 60 yrs.  
 9 | *Agnes*, b. Aug. 14, 1758 ; m. John Swan ; d. June 16, 1816, æ. 58 yrs. ; four ch.\*
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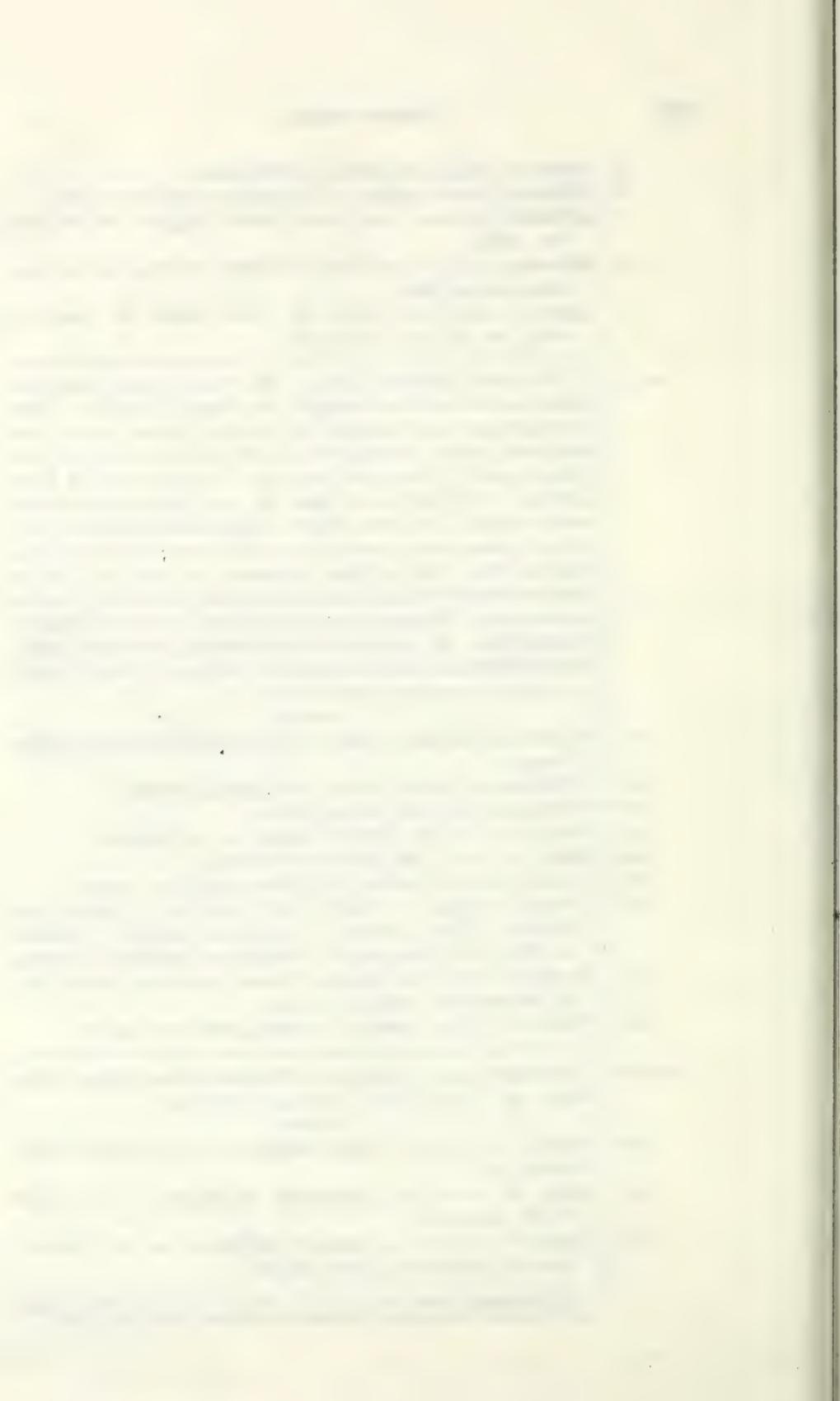
1- 3 | WILLIAM MCNEE (Dea.). He was young when his father moved to Peterborough ; m. Betsey Russell. After his marriage he removed to Dublin, about 1760, and remained there some four or five years ; and his son Robert was b. there, and was the first male child b. in Dublin. He lived on or near the spot afterwards owned and occupied by Cyrus Piper. His name is found in a list of persons who worked on the roads in 1761, '62, '64, and '65. He is then supposed, in 1765 or '66, to have returned to town and succeeded his father on the homestead. He was elected a deacon in Mr. Dunbar's church, Nov. 28, 1799, with Wm. Smith, Jonathan Smith, Robert Morison, and Nathaniel Holmes. He d. April 13, 1810, æ. 70 yrs. ; she d. 1815.

- 10 | †*Robert*, b. Dublin, 1761 ; m. Elizabeth Swan, dau. John Swan.  
 11 | †*William*, b. March, 1763 ; m. Lydia Sawyer.  
 12 | †*John*, b. 1765 ; m. Betsey Puffer.  
 13 | *Polly*, b. — ; m. David Upton ; re. to Sharon.  
 14 | *Betsey*, b. — ; m. Ephraim Weston.  
 15 | *Samuel*, b. 1769 ; unm. ; d. July 6, 1798, æ. 29 yrs.  
 16 | *George*, b. 1772 ; m. Sally Clary ; two ch., Cynthia and Betsey. He d. Sept. 7, 1798, æ. 26 yrs. Cynthia d. Dec. 6, 1798, æ. 2 yrs. Betsey m. Jonathan Bowers.  
 17 | *David*, b. 1775 ; m. Martha Brown ; one ch., David, Jr. ; d. September, 1803, æ. 28 yrs.  
 18 | *James*, b. 1779 ; unm. ; d. June 3, 1798, æ. 19 yrs.
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3- 10 | ROBERT NAY (Lieut.) m. Elizabeth Swan, dau. John Swan, 3d. He d. Oct. 2, 1824, æ. 63 yrs.

- 19 | *Fanny*, b. — ; m. John Milliken ; re. to New York ; seven ch.  
 20 | *Sally*, b. — ; m. Alexander Milliken ; re. to New York ; four ch.  
 21 | *Betsey*, b. — ; m. Robert Milliken ; re. to Sharon ; one ch., Addison, a *non compos*.

\* In Manuscript Notes of S. S., he says Nanny Nay m. John Swan. Agnes must have been thirty-eight or forty years younger than Lieut. John Swan.



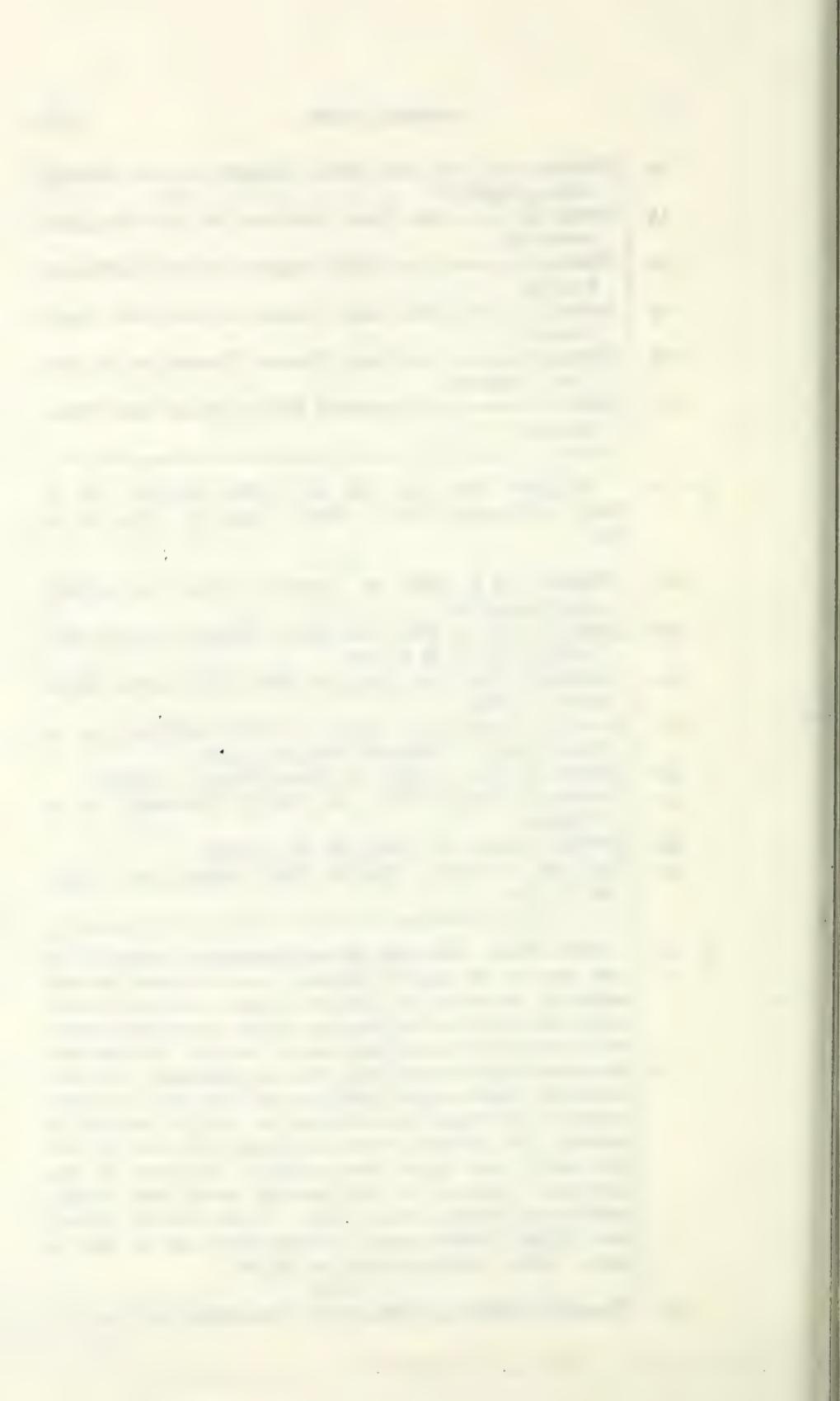
- 22 | *Barbara*, b. — ; m. John Taggart ; re. to Pennsylvania ; eight ch.  
 23 | *Sylvia*, b. — ; m. John Davison ; re. to Michigan ; seven ch.  
 24 | *Pitman*, b. — ; m. Sally Taggart ; re. to Nebraska ; four ch.  
 25 | *Samuel*, b. — ; m. Jane Turner ; re. to New York ; three ch.  
 26 | *Clarissa*, b. — ; m. Capt. Thomas Turner ; re. to New York ; four ch.  
 27 | *Rachel*, b. — ; m. Shepherd Miller ; re. to New York ; two ch.
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3- 11 WILLIAM NAY, 3d. He m. Lydia Sawyer. He d. June 1, 1813, æ. 50 yrs. She d. Aug. 28, 1850, æ. 82 yrs.

- 28 | *William*, 4th, b. 1788 ; m. Rebecca Foster ; re. to Indiana ; twelve ch.  
 29 | *Lydia*, b. July 15, 1791 ; m. Walter Gilbert ; re. to New York ; d. 1856, æ. 65 yrs.  
 30 | †*Samuel*, b. Feb. 24, 1794 ; m. Mary Felt ; 2d w., Elizabeth F. Gray.  
 31 | *Asdal*, b. March 12, 1797 ; m. Polly Milliken ; re. to New York ; d. October, 1830, æ. 33 yrs.  
 32 | *Cyntha*, b. Feb. 5, 1799 ; m. Cyrus Frost ; r. Dublin.  
 33 | *Gardner*, b. Aug. 9, 1801 ; m. Amelia Symonds ; re. to Illinois.  
 34 | *Arvilla*, b. Nov. 28, 1804 ; m. N. B. Buss.  
 35 | *Jefferson*, b. May 26, 1808 ; m. Sally Loring ; he d. 1837, æ. 31 yrs.
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3- 12 JOHN NAY. He had the misfortune, in early life, to lose one of his legs by falling from a frame he was assisting in raising in Concord, Mass. He substituted a wooden leg of soft white pine, of his own manufacture, which answered a good purpose all his life. He learned the trade of cabinet-making, after the accident. He was a man of great natural abilities, and but for his intemperate habits might have attained to a high position in society. He became most thoroughly reformed before his death, and gave unmistakable evidence of the Christian character, in his humble, meek, and loving spirit to all those around him. He m. Betsey Puffer, dau. Elijah Puffer ; she d. March, 1858, æ. 89 yrs., 6 mos. He d. Sept. 29, 1843, æ. 78 yrs.

- 36 | *Russell*, b. Feb. 17, 1793 ; re. to Tennessee ; six ch.



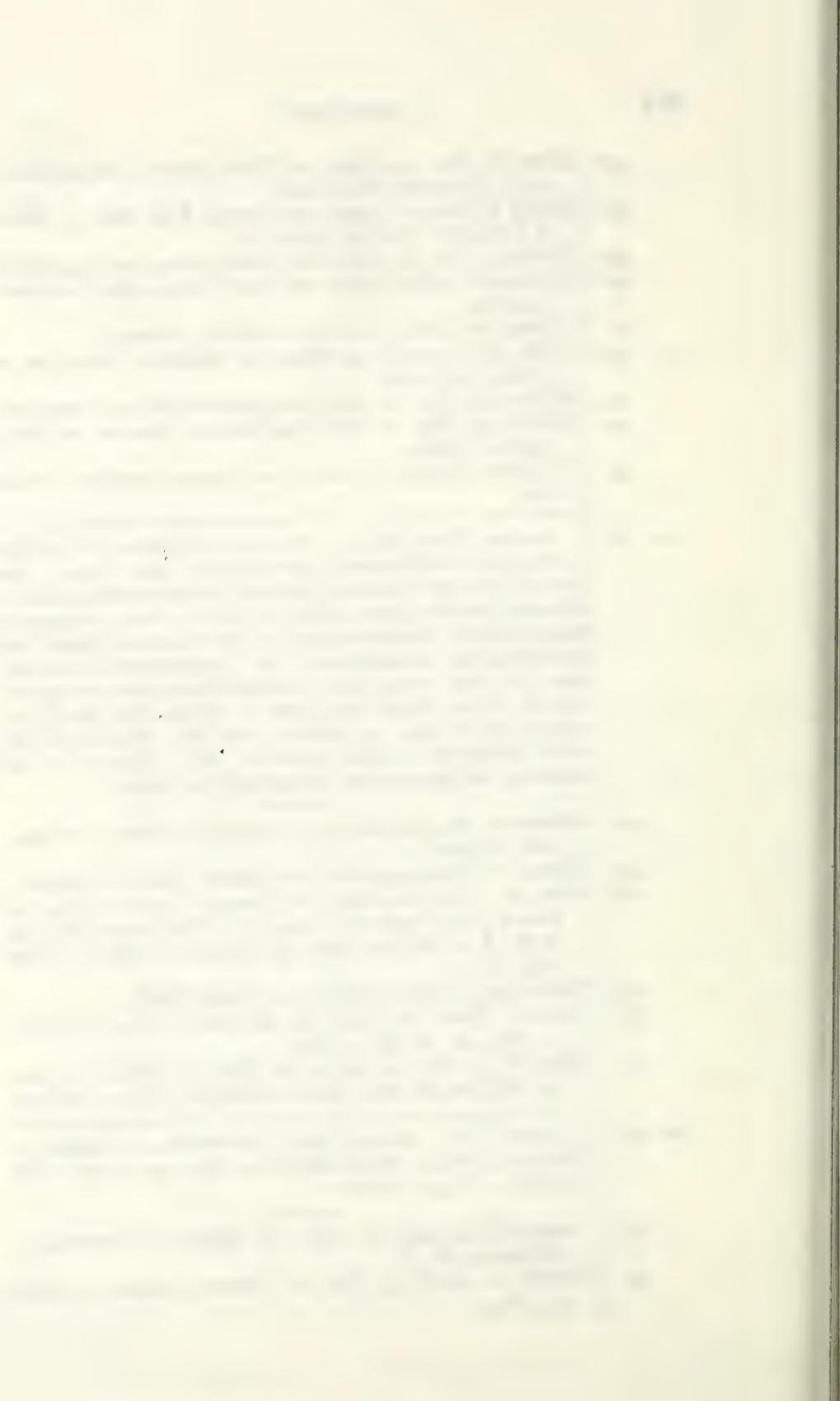
- 37 | *Mary*, b. Dec. 13, 1794; m. Elisha Wood, June 2, 1811;  
re. to Vermont; twelve ch.  
 38 | *Betsey*, b. June 21, 1796; m. Joseph Felt, May 5, 1816;  
d. October, 1852, æ. 56 yrs.; c.  
 39 | *Esther*, b. Feb. 4, 1798; m. James Cross, Jan. 13, 1818.  
 40 | †*James*, b. Oct. 30, 1799; m. Jane Farnsworth; b. March  
10, 1800.  
 41 | †*George*, b. April 22, 1802; m. Mary Persons.  
 42 | *John, Jr.*, b. April 17, 1804; m. Angeline Hale; re. to  
Utah; twelve ch.  
 43 | *William*, b. Dec. 28, 1807; m. Deidamia Cram; three ch.  
 44 | *Matilda*, b. May 12, 1806; m. Timothy Weston; 2d hus.,  
Abisha Tubbs.  
 45 | †*B. Allen*, b. April 10, 1810; m. Syrena Chandler; three  
ch.
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II- 30 SAMUEL NAY (Maj.). He lived in Sharon till within a few years, and most of his ch. were born there. He has held many important offices of trust and honor in Sharon; he has been moderator, town clerk, selectman many years, representative to the General Court for six years, and a member of the Constitutional Convention for 1850; also county commissioner for two years. He m., 1st w., Mary Felt, dau. of Oliver Felt, April 13, 1815; she d. Dec. 24, 1861, æ. 69 yrs. He m., 2d w., Mrs. Elizabeth F. Gray, April 2, 1863. Since his last marriage he has resided permanently in town.

- 46 | *Harriet*, b. Dec. 24, 1815; m. Horatio N. Porter; 2d hus.,  
John Bullard.  
 47 | †*Samuel*, b. May 19, 1818; m. Nancy Vose; r. Antrim.  
 48 | *Mary*, b. July 10, 1820; m. Samuel Jaquith; ch., (1)  
Emma J., b. Sept. 17, 1845; (2) Ella S., b. Feb. 13,  
1856; d. at Wilton, May 29, 1864, æ. 8 yrs; r. Vine-  
land, N. J.  
 49 | †*Marshall*, b. April 2, 1823; m. Sarah Wells.  
 50 | *Sarah*, b. June 20, 1827; m. Samuel I. Vose; d. Oct.  
25, 1875, æ. 48 yrs., 4 mos.  
 51 | *Henry H.*, b. Sept. 4, 1832; m. Mary J. Shedd; d. Aug.  
23, 1858, æ. 26 yrs. She d. March 6, 1867, æ. 28 yrs.
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12- 40 JAMES NAY. He m. Jane Farnsworth, of Dublin, b.  
March 10, 1800. She d. March 9, 1871, æ. 71 yrs. He  
d. July 7, 1867, æ. 68 yrs.

- 52 | *George W.*, b. April 6, 1830; m. Mary E. Cromwell; r.  
Rochester, N. Y.  
 53 | *Matilda*, b. April 13, 1832; m. Samuel Adams, Jr., April  
21, 1853.



- 54 †*James M.*, b. Dec. 25, 1833; m., 1st w., Helen Morrison; 2d w., Sarah Vose.  
 55 *Esther M.*, b. Nov. 27, 1835; d. Aug. 2, 1846, æ. 11 yrs.  
 56 *William A.*, b. Dec. 7, 1838; m. Emily F. Dinsmore, Sept. 26, 1859; r. Rochester, N. Y.; ch., (1) Maurice A.; (2) Frank A.  
 57 *Fidelia E.*, b. Dec. 9, 1840; d. Aug. 10, 1872, æ. 32 yrs.  
 58 *Helen M.*, b. June 2, 1843; m. Frank F. Young, June 2, 1873.

**12- 41** **GEORGE NAY.** He occupies the farm north of the Charles Stuart or Faxon place, known as the Asahel Going farm. He m. Mary Persons, dau. Bartholomew Persons.

- 59 *Maria H.*, b. March 19, 1833; m. Mason H. Balch; r. Francestown.  
 60 *Melora E.*, b. Feb. 17, 1835; m. Josiah C. Nay; d. May 8, 1869, æ. 34 yrs., 2 mos.; one ch., Edson O., b. Dec. 26, 1855.  
 61 †*John Oscar*, b. Jan. 30, 1837; m. Carrie E. McCoy, May 2, 1861.  
 62 *Sarah F.*, b. Sept. 2, 1842; m. Orrin J. Balch; r. Goffstown; three ch.

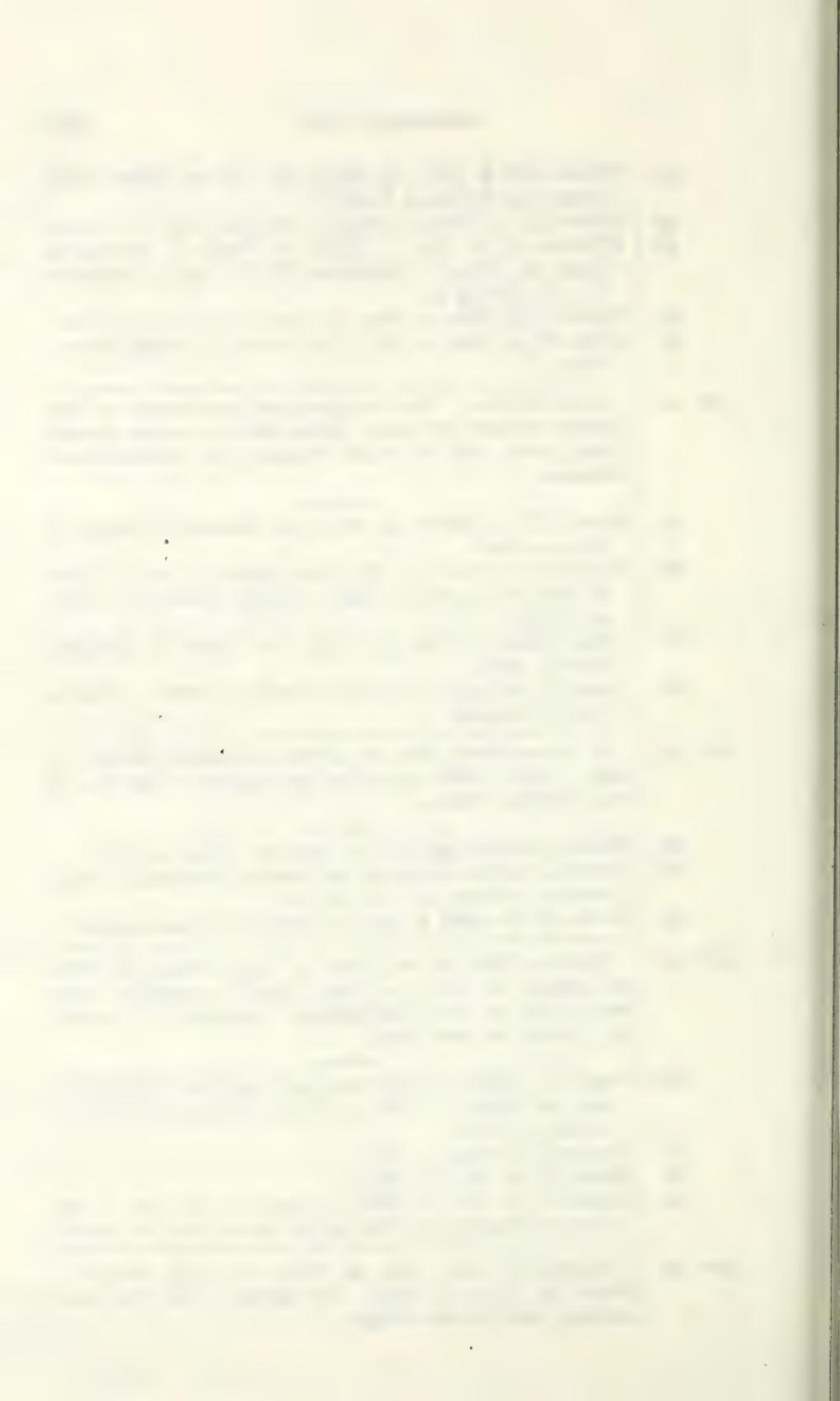
**12- 45** **B. ALLEN NAY.** He m. Syrena Chandler, March 6, 1832. He a. Feb. 22, 1839, æ. 39 yrs. She m., 2d hus., William Puffer.

- 63 *Fidelia*, b. Sept. 30, 1833; d. Sept 30, 1834, æ. 1 yr.  
 64 *Mary E.*, b. Feb. 26, 1835; m. Joseph Perkins; d., Wisconsin, January, 1871, æ. 36 yrs.  
 65 *Syrena F.*, b. April 5, 1838; d. July 10, 1840, æ. 2 yrs.

**30- 47** **SAMUEL NAY, Jr.**, m., May 13, 1845, Nancy B. Vose, of Antrim; b. April 12, 1828; lived in Antrim many years, then re. to Peterborough; returned to Antrim, 1873, where he now lives.

- 66 *Fred. L.*, b. Sept. 5, 1848; m., Jan. 13, 1870, Maggy Palfrey, of Weare, b. Jan. 4, 1850; one ch., Harry E., b. Aug. 6, 1872.  
 67 *Charles P.*, b. Sept. 3, 1853.  
 68 *Morris E.*, b. May 7, 1864.  
 69 *Samuel V.*, b. April 6, 1866; d. Aug. 20, 1872, æ. 6 yrs. The first child b. in Sharon, the other three in Antrim.

**30- 49** **MARSHALL NAY.** He m., Nov. 10, 1853, Sarah J. Wells; b. May 23, 1834. He keeps a hat, cap, and clothing store in the village.



- 70 | *Dora A.*, b. Dec. 16, 1854; d. October, 1873, æ. 19 yrs.  
 71 | *Delia W.*, b. Sept. 8, 1856.  
 72 | *Henry M.*, b. Dec. 20, 1860.  
 73 | *Clifford W.*, b. July 17, 1875.
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40- 54 JAMES M. NAY. He is a paper manufacturer, and under the firm of Adams & Nay, owning and carrying on the business in the paper-mill of the late A. P. Morrison. He m., 1st w., Helen Morrison, Nov. 18, 1856. She d. Dec. 23, 1865, æ. 27 yrs.; m., 2d w., Sarah Vose, Oct. 28, 1867; 1st w., one ch.; 2d w., one ch.

- 74 | *Mabel*, b. June 22, 1864.  
 75 | *Hattie M.*, b. March 30, 1872.
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41- 61 JOHN OSCAR NAY m., May 2, 1861, Carrie E. McCoy, b. Aug. 6, 1843. He r. on the homestead.

- 76 | *George S.*, b. Jan. 21, 1864.
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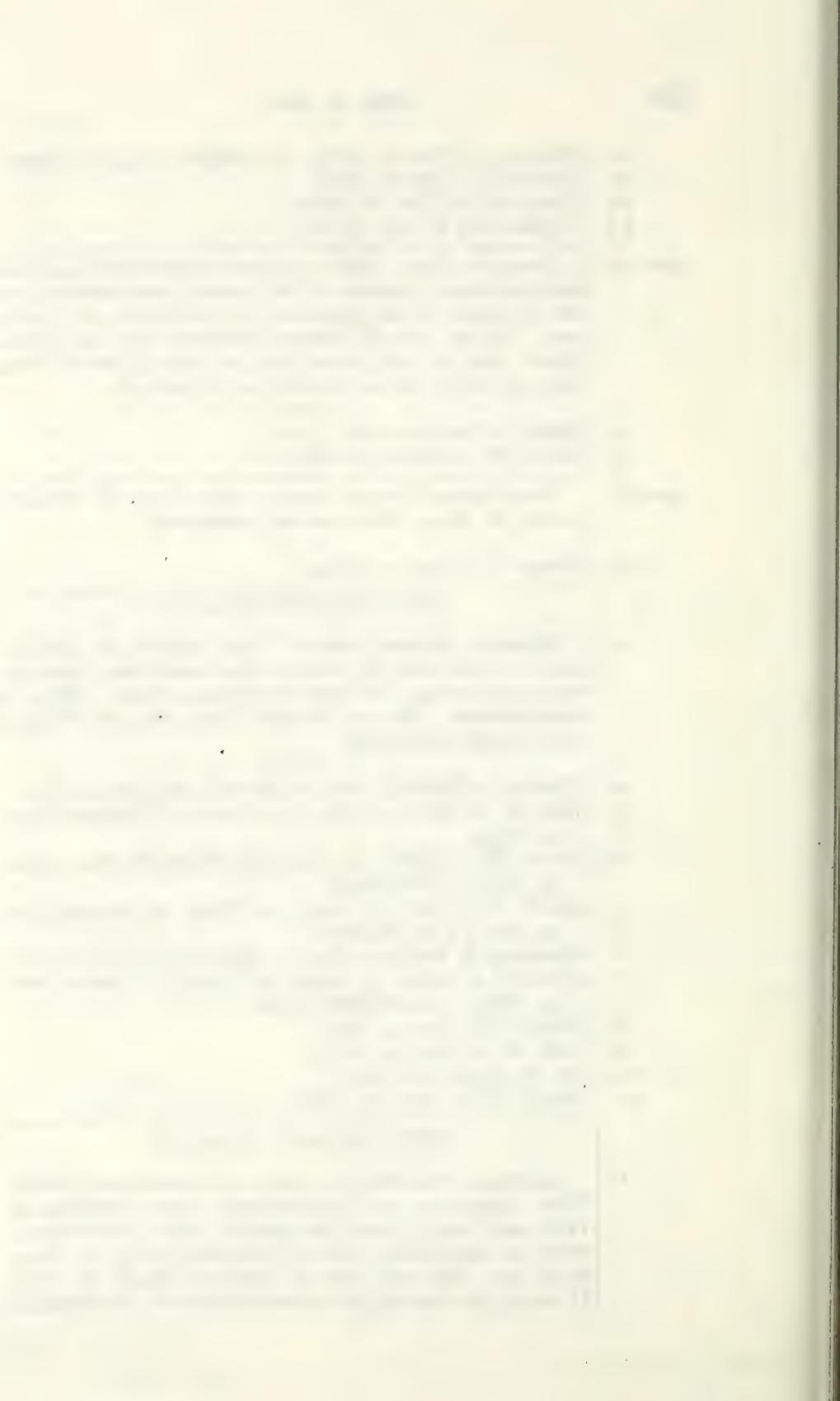
#### THE NELSON FAMILY.

1 HORATIO NELSON, son of Paul Nelson, of Dublin, came to town with his parents, who moved here when he was quite young. He was b. March 4, 1816. He is a house-painter. He m. Harriet Gray, dau. of William and Harriet Scott Gray.

- 2 | *Clarissa*, b. May 23, 1839; d. June 5, 1839, æ. 12 dys.  
 3 | *Mary E.*, b. March 4, 1841; m. George J. Munroe, Nov. 24, 1859.  
 4 | *Louisa H.*, b. March 12, 1843; m. Henry B. Dyer, April 15, 1869; r. Fitchburg.  
 5 | *Sarah P.*, b. Dec. 6, 1845; m. Edwin M. Brooks, Jan. 15, 1871; r. in Bedford.  
 6 | *Clementine*, b. Feb. 13, 1847; d. March 13, 1847, æ. 1 mo.  
 7 | *Myra M.*, b. Sept. 13, 1848; m. Henry A. Bacon, June 23, 1867; r. in Bedford, Mass.  
 8 | *David F.*, b. June 3, 1851.  
 9 | *Delia M.*, b. Aug. 19, 1853.  
 10 | *Ida F.*, b. July 27, 1855.  
 11 | *Charlie P.*, b. April 12, 1858.
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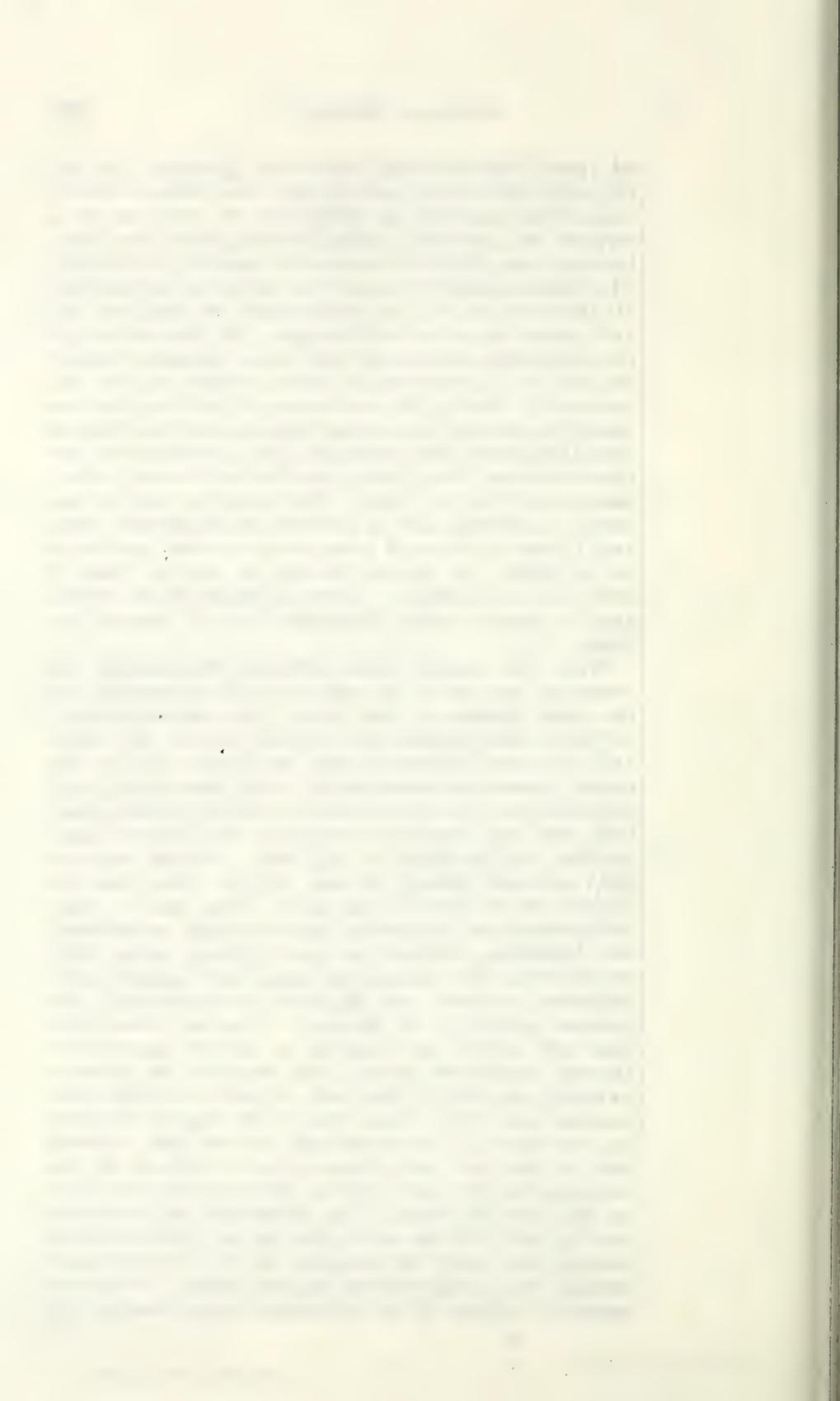
#### THE OSGOOD FAMILY.

1 KENDALL OSGOOD (Dr.), the son of Isaac and Betsey Flint Osgood, re. to Peterborough, from Atkinson, in 1788, and bought land just east of John Scott's farm, where he continued to live till his death, Aug. 19, 1801, æ. 45 yrs. He was born in Andover, Mass., in 1757. It was in the door of his father's house that the celebrat-



ed James Otis was struck dead with lightning. Of Dr. Osgood's early or professional education, little is known. Soon after acquiring his profession, he went out as a surgeon, in a privateer, during the last part of the Revolutionary war, by which he acquired considerable wealth. The first we know of him, he was settled as a physician at Atkinson, in 1785, at which place he remained till 1788, when he re. to Peterborough. We have no means of ascertaining whether he did much business then or not, but, by his removing so soon, presume he was not successful. During his residence at Atkinson he was among nineteen of the leading physicians of the State of New Hampshire, who petitioned the Legislature for the charter of the New Hampshire Medical Society, which was granted Feb. 11, 1791. This society is now in successful operation, having attained its eighty-fifth year, and I trust has been of great benefit to the profession in the State. Its annual meeting is held in June of every year at Concord. There is generally an attendance of sixty to eighty physicians from all parts of the State.

When Dr. Osgood first came to Peterborough he seems to have made no very favorable impression on the good people of the town. He was exquisitely clothed in the gorgeous and imposing style of the times, and contrasted strangely with the people clad in the coarse, home-spun materials of their own raising and manufacture. He was dressed in a red broadcloth coat, buff vest, and buckskin breeches, with silver knee-buckles, silk stockings, a wig, and a cocked hat,—a sight unusual, indeed, to our fathers. They had no respect for anything of the kind. They were a bold, independent, and somewhat impudent race, and without any hesitation, clothed in their plainest attire, they would have put themselves upon an equality, and addressed without the slightest embarrassment, the greatest personage of the land. The red broadcloth coat and cocked hat inspired no respect among this shrewd, outspoken people, who regarded the exterior as merely the shell of the man. I have no doubt they scanned him well. There was on the stage at this time in Peterborough an exceedingly shrewd and talented race of men, who were never slow to strip off all the disguises thrown round any one, friend or foe, and show up the *bona fide* man. The doctor did not bear this scrutiny well, for he soon gave up all pretensions to practice, and spent the remainder of his life in agriculture and the management of his own affairs. I have no means of judging of his professional acquirements, but



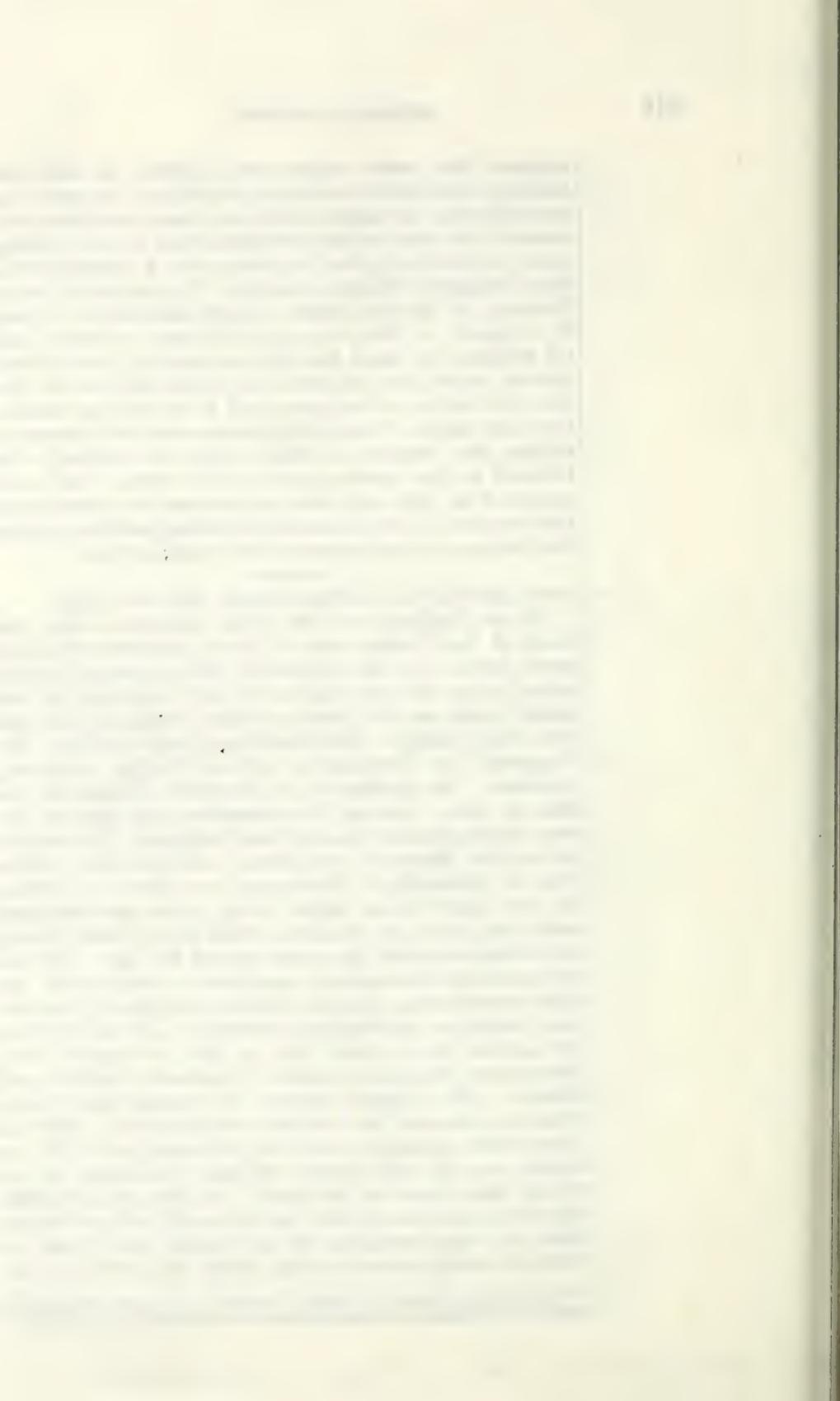
suppose they were respectable. Unless he had possessed considerable merit as a physician, it is not at all probable that his name would have been associated with some of the most eminent medical men in New Hampshire, in petitioning the Legislature for a charter for the New Hampshire Medical Society. He was m. to Louisa Peabody, of Boxford, Mass. They had two ch. Isaac P. Osgood, b. Feb. 20, 1793, became a lawyer, and till within a few years his sign was seen in Court Street, Boston, where he practised his profession all his life. He died within a few years, and in his will he remembered the place of his birth by a donation of a thousand dollars, the interest of which was to be annually distributed to the worthy poor of the town. The town accepted his gift, and have endeavored to comply with the requisites of the donation, in making such an annual distribution of the interest as they thought best.

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2 *Isaac Peabody,\* b. in Peterborough, Feb. 20, 1793.*

"Isaac Peabody and his sister Elizabeth, after the death of their father, went to live at Andover with their uncle Jacob, who was appointed their guardian by their father in his will; one item in his will was, that his son should work on the farm a certain length of time, and then fit for college. He fitted for college with Rev. Mr. Coggsell, of Tewksbury, and at Phillips Academy, Andover. He graduated at Harvard College, in the class of 1814. Among his classmates were some of the most distinguished men of New England. He studied law at the Harvard Law School, and also with Judge Fay, of Cambridge. He opened an office in Boston, No. 90 Court Street, about 1819, where he remained until 1827, when he took the office No. 5 Court Street, where he continued the remainder of his life. He was an excellent office-lawyer, considered a thoroughly upright practitioner, never a pleader, but good in examining witnesses and looking up cases. Like all his race, he married late in life. Aug. 3, 1841, he married Mrs. Mary Ann Valentine, widow of Lawson Valentine, of Boston. Mr. Osgood resided in Boston until 1846, when he removed to Roxbury, continuing his office in Court Street, going in at 8 A.M., returning at 2 P.M., as regular as the sun, unless sickness prevented, up to within three days of his death. In 1847, he accidentally discovered that he had lost the sight of one of his eyes; he was examined by an oculist, who found a cataract wholly formed on the blind eye, and one just

\* Letter of Mrs. Frances E. Weston, Putnam Street, Boston Highlands, to which we are indebted for this interesting account of Dr. Osgood.



beginning to form on the other. He submitted to an operation for the cataract on the first eye, which was an entire success, but never had nerve enough to have the other operated on.

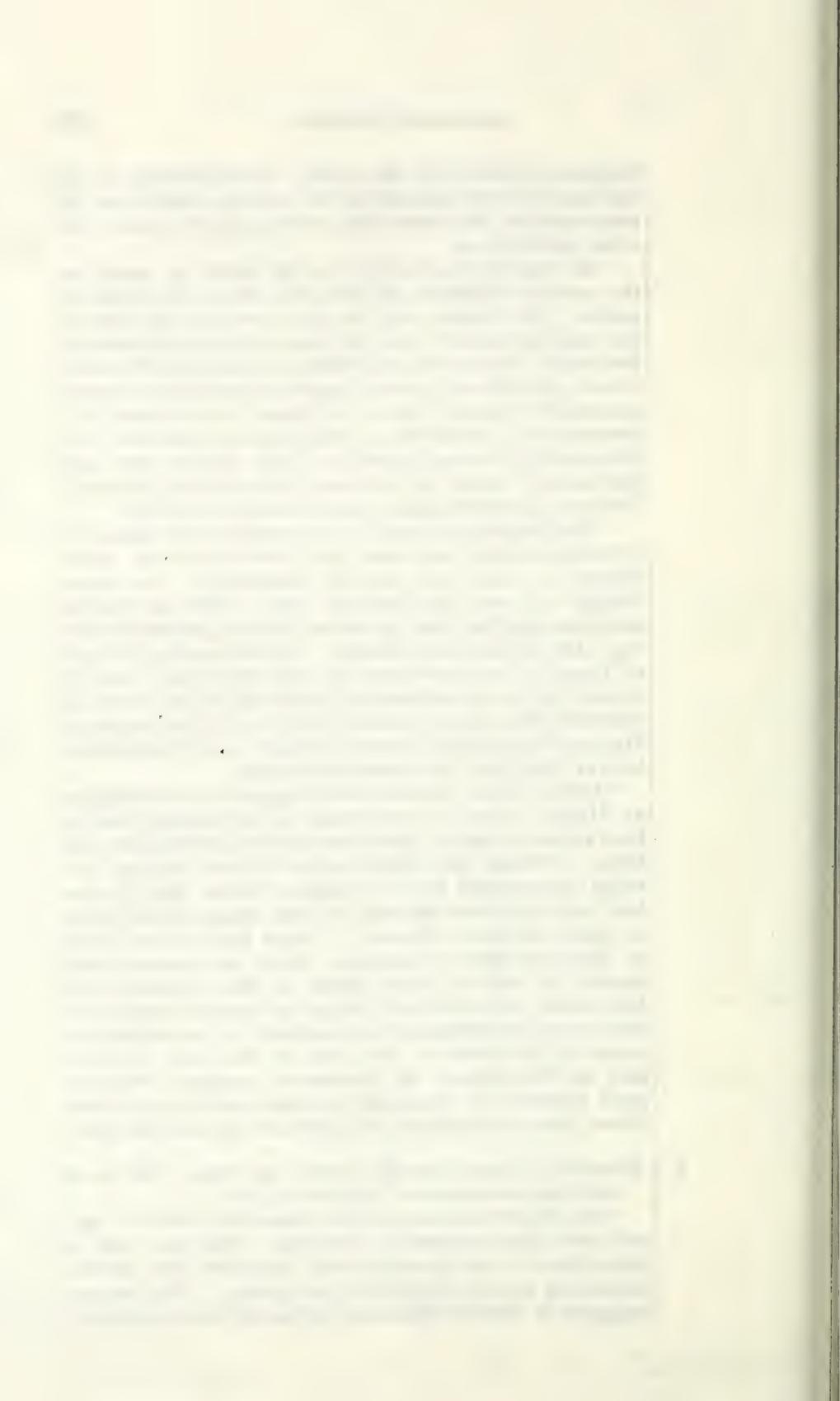
"He was very methodical in his habits, so much so that one could always tell the time of day by his movements. He always went in and came out of town at just such a moment; did just such things after entering the house; walked so many times around Dr. Putnam's church grounds at a certain hour in the afternoon, unless prevented by severe storm or illness; went to bed at a certain hour; rose in the morning at such a moment, etc. Every article he used must be in the precise spot, and not moved; and so he continued to the day of his death. Perhaps this methodical system prolonged his life.

"He always had a dread of consumption, the disease of which his mother and sister died; and yet for ten years before his death he was in consumption, but never thought that was the case with him. After the trouble with his eyes, he gave up active practice, merely retaining a few of his oldest clients. On Wednesday, the 9th of January, he came home as well as he had been all winter, was taken suddenly ill in the night, and died on Saturday, the 12th of January, 1867, æ. 73 yrs., 10 mos. He never appeared to have his senses, from the moment he was taken until he ceased to breathe.

"By his will, he provided a resting-place for his remains at Mount Auburn, a monument to his memory, and a fund to be applied to keep the whole in order during all time. Perhaps the reminiscence of not having provided gravestones for his parents before their graves had been forgotten entirely was the cause of his being so particular about his own. I know that he went twice to Peterborough to ascertain where his parents were buried, in order to place stones to their memory, but both times he failed, and it may be that the bequest to the town of Peterborough was as much to perpetuate the name of his father as his own, on the town records, and in the memory of the town's people. Mrs. Osgood survived her husband, and now resides in Putnam Street, Boston Highlands, in a ripe and vigorous old age."

3 *Elizabeth, b. Peterborough, March 20, 1796. She d. at Andover, in autumn of 1821, æ. 25 yrs.*

"She left Peterborough when about five years of age, and ever after resided in Andover. She was said to have been a very beautiful and attractive girl, beside possessing a large fortune for that period. She became engaged to Robert Means, a lawyer of Boston, brother



to Mrs. Amos Lawrence, and uncle to President Franklin Pierce's wife. All the preparations were made for her marriage, which was soon to take place, when she took a severe cold, and died of a rapid consumption in less than six weeks. She divided her property between her brother and lover, after paying out certain small legacies to her cousins and friends."

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### I THE PARKER FAMILY.

ABEL PARKER, son of John and Mary Parker. He lived in the east part of the town, on land that is embraced in the farm of the late Capt. Samuel McCoy. He m. Sarah Parker, b. 1735, and d. April 16, 1817, æ. 82 yrs., 10 mos. He d. April 29, 1791, æ. 67 yrs. He was an early settler, but we cannot fix the time. In Revolutionary service, from July 7 to Oct. 21, 1780.

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- 2 Abiel, b. ——.
  - 3 †Gideon, b. —— ; m. Abigail Matthews.
  - 4 Timothy, b. ——.
  - 5 Sewall, b. —— ; d. Nov. 2, 1834, æ. 70 yrs.
  - 6 Sarah, b. —— ; unm. (7) Sybel, b. —— ; unm.
  - 8 Abigail, b. ——. (9) Hannah, b. ——.
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I- 3 GIDEON PARKER m. Abigail Matthews. He began the farm, in 1787, where Dea. Timothy Holt lived. He was a carpenter by trade.

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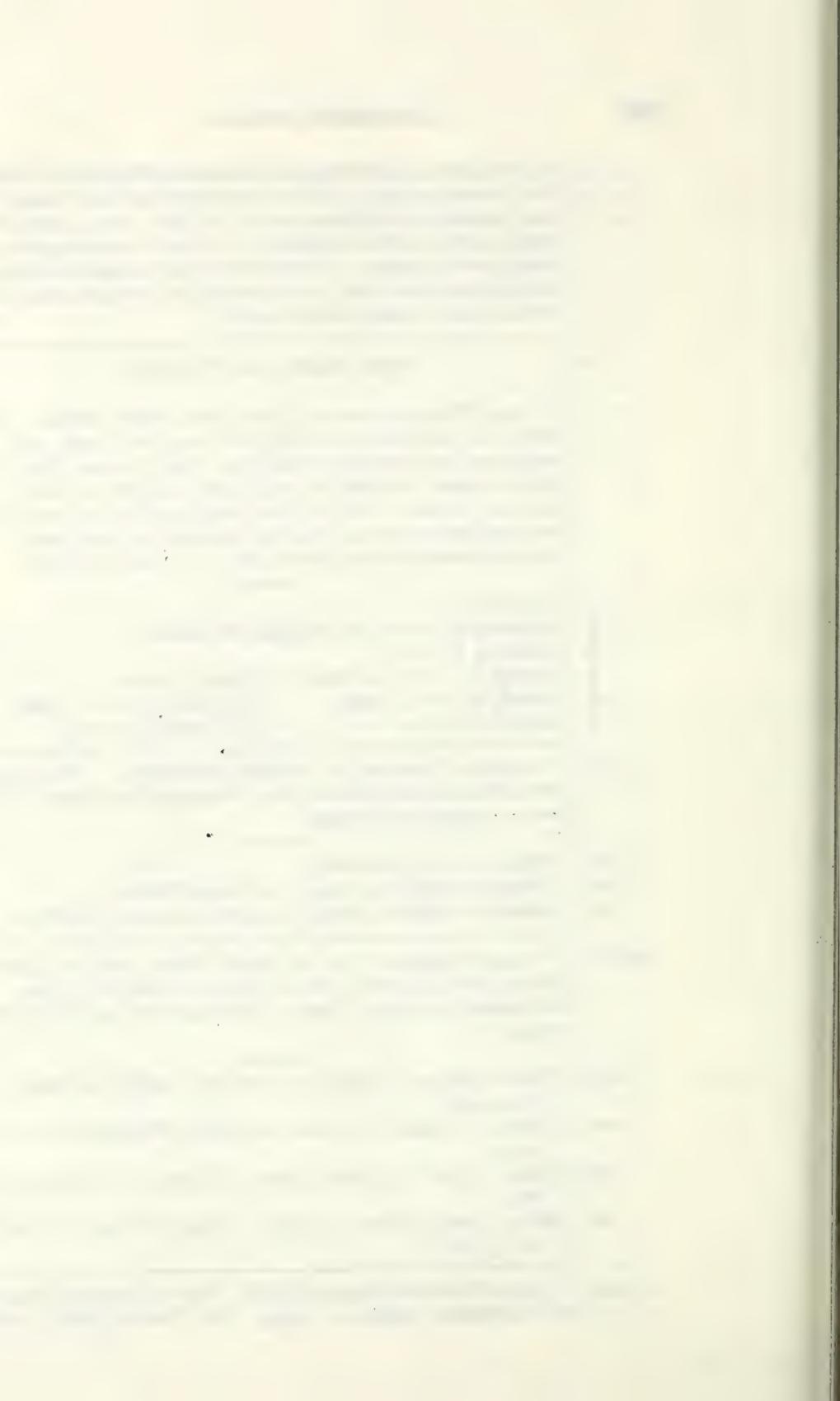
- 10 John, b. —— ; d. young.
  - 11 †James, b. Feb. 29, 1791 ; m. Sarah White.
  - 12 Gideon, b. April 1, 1793 ; d. April 22, 1821, æ. 28 yrs.
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3- 11 JAMES PARKER. He m. Sarah White, dau. of David White, Nov. 6, 1817. He d. Dec. 9, 1826, æ. 35 yrs. A carpenter by trade. She d. November, 1875, æ. 82 yrs., 8 mos.

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- 13 †John Gideon, b. July 2, 1818 ; m. Isabel E. Hurd, of Lempster.
  - 14 †James, b. June 13, 1820 ; m. Eliza Watson, Nov. 16, 1848.
  - 15 Eliza, b. April 24, 1822 ; unm. ; d. Aug. 31, 1838, æ. 16 yrs.
  - 16 Mary Jane, b. Nov. 15, 1824 ; unm. ; d. Dec. 28, 1871, æ. 47 yrs.
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11- 13 JOHN GIDEON PARKER, M.D. He m. Isabel E. Hurd, of Lempster, May 17, 1853. Dr. Parker was a very



worthy and useful man. He graduated at Norwich University, Vt., 1847, with honor, and subsequently, in connection with much school-teaching, he studied the medical profession with Albert Smith, M.D., of Peterborough; attended medical lectures at Woodstock and Dartmouth schools, and took his medical degree at the latter in 1852. He first commenced his practice at Dublin, Aug. 12, 1852, and remained here till 1865, when he re. to Warner, where, after long suffering, he d. of a cancerous affection of his bowels, Sept. 12, 1869, æ. 51 yrs. He sustained a high reputation for skill and knowledge in the profession.

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17 *James Frederick*, b. April, 1854.

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11- 14 JAMES PARKER. He m. Eliza Watson, Nov. 16, 1848. She d. Aug. 31, 1861. He d. March 20, 1868, æ. 47 yrs. He r. in Lowell when he d.

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18 *Sarah Jane*, b. Aug. 23, 1850.

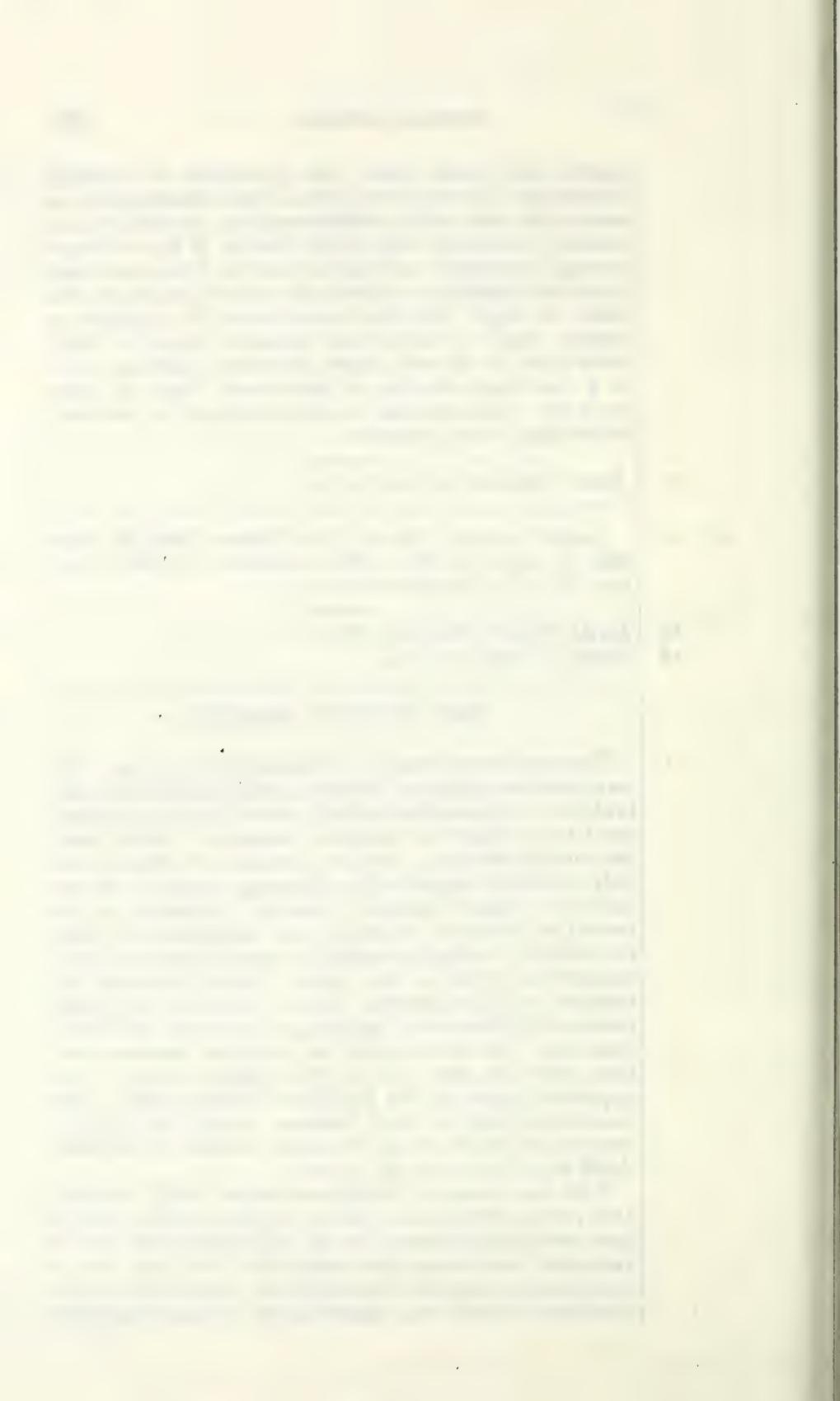
19 *Frank*, b. Feb. 27, 1854.

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### THE PAYSON FAMILY.

1 THOMAS PAYSON was b. in Boston, Oct. 28, 1764. He was fitted for college in Andover, and graduated at Cambridge in 1784, and immediately entered upon an engagement as preceptor of Leicester Academy. While here, he studied theology, and was licensed to preach, but only preached occasionally, choosing rather to devote himself to other pursuits. Leaving Leicester, he removed to Worcester, where he was employed two years in teaching, and afterwards, for several years, he was engaged in trade in that place. From Worcester he removed to Charlestown, where, in 1797, he again resumed the business of teaching, as preceptor of Russel Academy. He relinquished this business, however, and from 1801 to 1809 was in trade again, when he was appointed master of the Franklin Grammar School, Boston, which place he held fourteen years. In 1827, he removed to Peterborough, where he resided till his death, April 20, 1844, æ. 79 yrs., 5 mos.

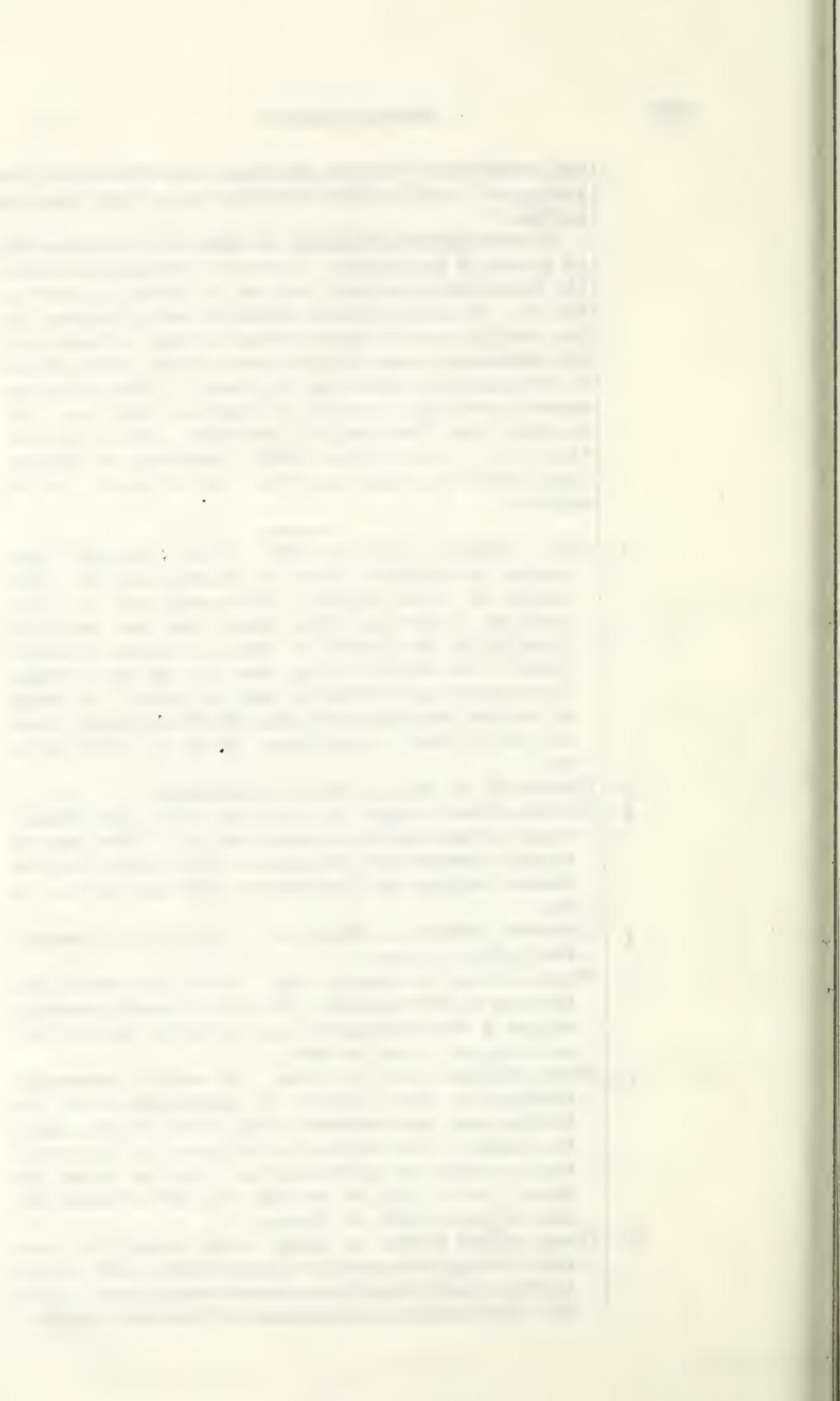
"He was a man of liberal sentiments, kindly feelings, and ready sympathies. Being a good scholar, with a taste and tact for instruction, he could hardly fail to be a successful and acceptable instructor. He had, too, a frown and a manner that awed the disorderly or disobedient, as well as a cheerful look of encouragement



and sunny smile that won the favor and affection of the young, and qualified him for what he so long was—a teacher."

He was much respected in the town of his adoption by all classes of the people. He never seemed to grow old. He was always fresh and lively in his feeling as ever in his life. He made himself eminently useful in town, by the attention and aid given to the common schools, and his assistance in sustaining all lyceums and other means of advancing and improving the young. He retained his mental powers in a remarkable degree to the last. He m., 1784, Mary Thatcher, of Cambridge. She d. Aug. 28, 1805, æ. —; m., 2d w., Sarah Hennessey, of Sharon. She d. April 25, 1844, æ. 59 yrs.; 1st w., six ch.; 2d w., eight ch.

- 2 *Mary Phillips*, b. Feb. 21, 1786. After a thorough education, she devoted herself to teaching for life. She taught for a few years in Portsmouth, and, in 1817, went to Nashville, Tenn., where she was associate-principal of the Nashville Female Academy for eight years. Her health failing, she gave up her occupation, and came to Peterborough to reside. In many of her last years, she was affected with a partial insanity, and d. after a long illness, March 26, 1867, æ. 81 yrs.
- 3 *Caroline P.*, b. Aug. 1, 1791; d. in infancy.
- 4 *Caroline Eliza*, b. April 19, 1793; m., 1815, John Wheelwright, a merchant in Alexandria, D.C. She became insane a few months after her marriage, and d. at the Insane Asylum in Charlestown, July 22, 1827, æ. 34 yrs.
- 5 *Catharine Putnam*, b. March 24, 1795; d. of consumption, 1814, æ. 19 yrs.
- 6 *Thomas Russel*, b. Aug. 8, 1798. Went into mercantile business in New Orleans. He lost his health from the effects of the climate, and d. on a visit to Boston, July 21, 1829, æ. 30 yrs., 10 mos.
- 7 *John Phillips*, b. Oct. 13, 1800. He was in mercantile business in New Orleans, in partnership with his brother, and was drowned about three months after the death of his brother, by the upsetting of a sail-boat, in which he and others had gone out upon the river. He d. 1829, æ. 29 yrs. He left a widow, the dau. of James Hall, of Boston.
- 8 *George Alfred*, b. Oct. 14, 1809. After fitting for Harvard College, he served an apprenticeship with David L. Mayo, with whom he continued many years. After Mr. Mayo's failure in business, he became a clerk of



Almy, Patterson & Co.; m. Anne Rowe, of Milton, Mass. Left one dau., Ann Rowe. He d. at Milton, June 19, 1874, æ. 64 yrs., 8 mos.

9 *Louisa Clifford*, b. July 10, 1811. She was educated for a teacher, and taught for a year or two in Andover, Mass. She m. Rev. M. E. White, of Ashfield, Mass., May 3, 1832, and d. 1842, æ. 31 yrs.; two ch., Catharine P. and John Phillips Payson, who is now a practising physician in New-York City.

10 *Henry P.*, b. May 4, 1815; d. in infancy.

11 *Anne Catharine*, b. Nov. 23, 1817; r. Peterborough.

12 *Charles H.*, b. March 28, 1819; became a machinist. Is now a farmer, and resides in Loudon; m. Mrs. Sarah Bennet; ch., (1) Henrietta; (2) Mary P.; (3) Thomas R.; (4) John P.; (5) Charles H.

13 *Sarah Hennessey*, b. Dec. 25, 1821; d. in infancy.

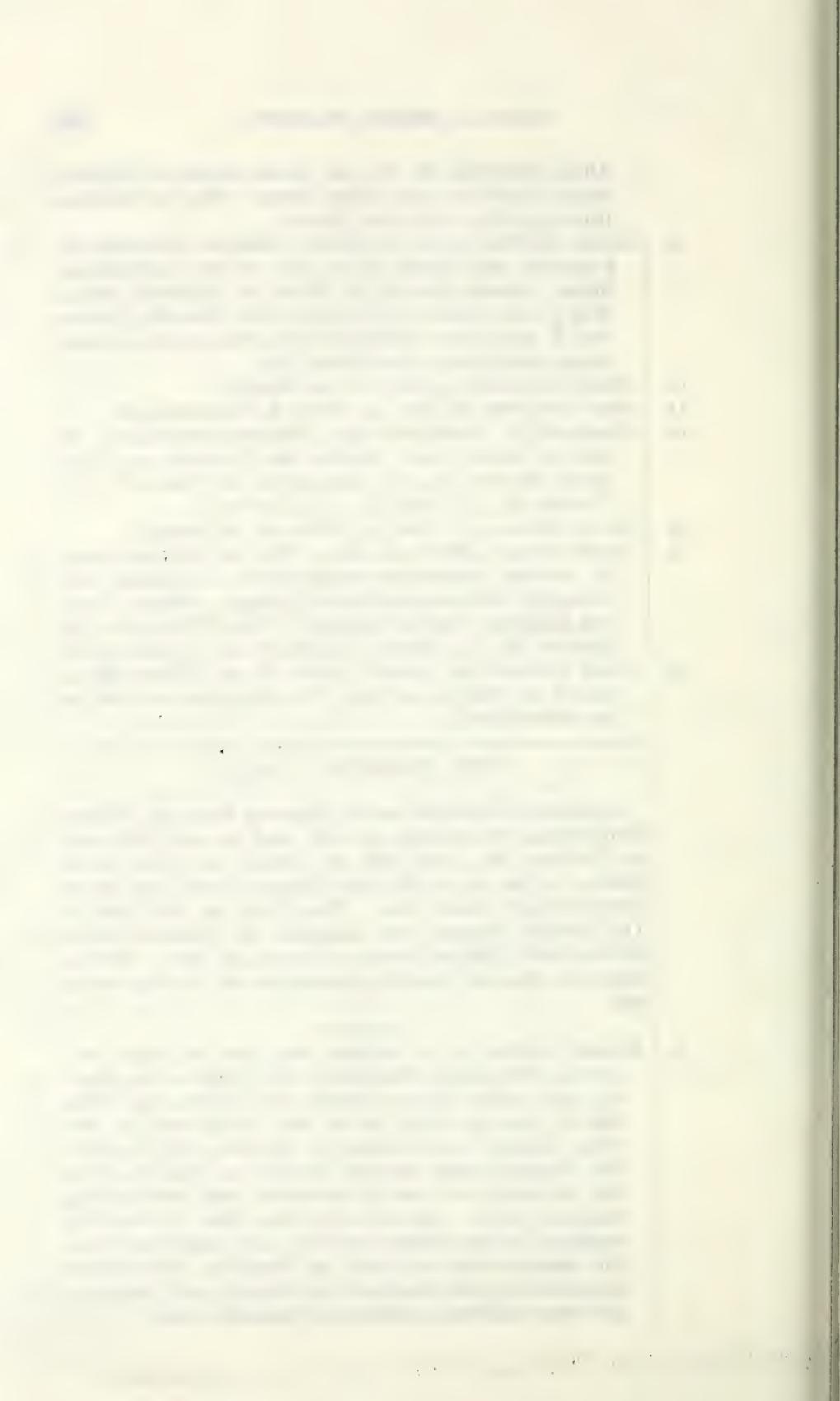
14 *Joseph Rowe*, b. Nov. 26, 1823. He has been secretary to various insurance companies in Cincinnati and Chicago. He now resides in Chicago. He m. Henrietta Robbins; ch. (1) Charles P.; (2) William B.; (3) Edward E.; (4) Edith; (5) Joseph R.; (6) George A.

15 *Sarah Elizabeth*, b. June 1, 1826; d. in Milton, Mass., March 26, 1867, æ. 41 yrs. She d. on the same day as her sister Mary.

### THE PEABODY FAMILY.

1 *Ebenezer Peabody*, son of Ebenezer Peabody, of Boxford, Mass., was b. Feb. 13, 1767, and in early life went to Gorham, Me., and here m., March 2, 1792, Sarah Lewis, b. Jan. 13, 1766, dau. George Lewis, and re. to Peterborough about 1802. They lived on the farm of Dr. Kendall Osgood, now occupied by Thomas Little, till his death, July 26, 1816, æ. 49 yrs., 5 mos. She d., Sept. 12, 1849, at Franklin, where she re. in 1817, æ. 83 yrs.

2 *Kendall Osgood*, b. in Gorham, Me., Dec. 20, 1792; m., 1st w., 1821, Alice Blanchard, of Franklin; d. 1832; m., 2d w., 1833, Betsey Austin; she d. Dec. 19, 1869. He d. Jan. 23, 1855, æ. 62 yrs. Only one ch. survives, Sarah, w. of Moses B. Goodwin, of Franklin. Mr. Peabody spent most of his life in Franklin, after his boyhood, and was a successful and enterprising business man. He was at one time extensively engaged in the baking business, and subsequently in the manufacture of paper, at Franklin. He always sustained a good character for honesty and integrity, and was esteemed a useful and valuable man.

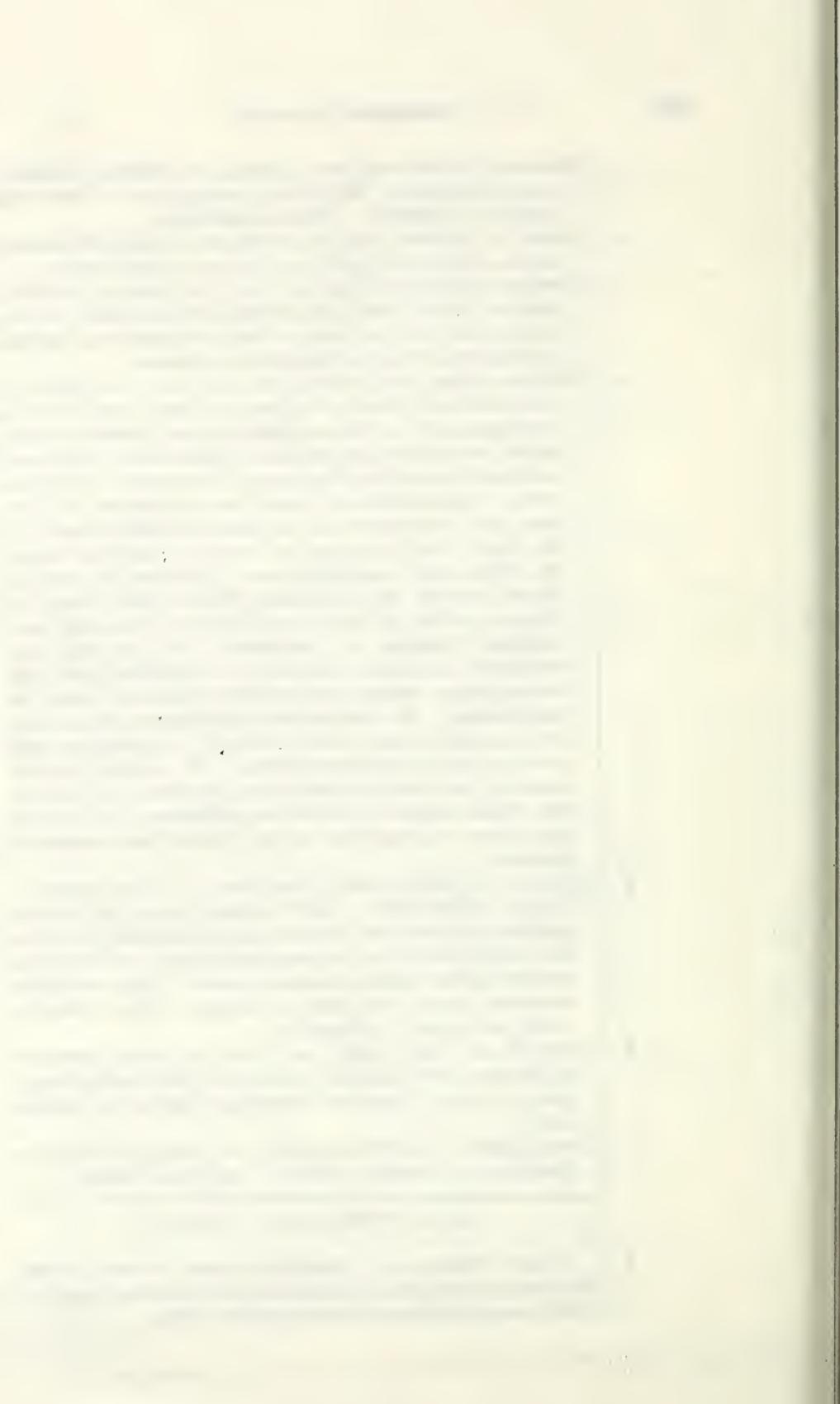


- 3 | *Ebenezer*, b. Gorham, Sept. 3, 1794; m. Rebecca Robertson, of Franklin. He d. 1847, æ. 53 yrs. Three ch. living; r. Franklin. Was a blacksmith.
- 4 | *Louise*, b. Gorham, Aug. 10, 1796; m. Charles M. Davis, Sept. 4, 1822; d. April 5, 1858, æ. 61 yrs., 7 mos.
- 5 | *Caroline*, b. Gorham, July 9, 1798; m. Dexter Baldwin, May 27, 1824; she d. in Mount Vernon, Me., July 6, 1827, æ. 28 yrs., 11 mos. One son survives, George D. Baldwin, who is in business in Boston.
- 6 | *William Henry*, b. Gorham, Jan. 20, 1801; m., Sept. 9, 1828, Hannah March, b. Dec. 9, 1804; now living in Cincinnati, O. After acquiring a good academic education, he studied the medical profession at Hanover, and took his medical degree at Dartmouth College in 1826. He established himself as a physician at Gorham, Me., and continued in practice sixteen years, till his death, March 2, 1843, æ. 42 yrs. They had seven ch., three only surviving, viz.: Caroline B., wife of Orland Smith, of Cincinnati, William Wirt, Superintendent of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad, and Sargeant Prentiss, of Cincinnati. Dr. Peabody was esteemed a skilful practitioner of medicine, and had few superiors among the medical fraternity where he was located. He was ardently devoted to his calling, and carefully kept pace with all its progress and advance by an assiduous culture. He united the character of the Christian with the physician, and was in the truest sense a Christian gentleman. His early death was a great loss to his friends and numerous patrons.
- 7 | *James L.*, b. July 25, 1803; m., Dec. 22, 1831, Sarah J. Blake, of Chichester. Mr. Peabody was a long time in partnership with his brother, K. O. Peabody, both in the bakery and the paper-manufacture, and was considered a very efficient business man. Only one child survives, James, who now r. Chicago. He d. Aug. 7, 1866, æ. 63 yrs.; r. Franklin.
- 8 | *Betsey K.*, b. May 5, 1805; m., Dec. 25, 1827, Ebenezer Robinson, Portland, Me. She d. April 8, 1832, æ. 26 yrs., 11 mos. One son survives, Charles D. Robinson.
- 9 | *Sarah Lewis*, b. March 29, 1807; m., Aug. 30, 1832, Ira Greeley; r. Franklin; five ch; only two living.

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### THE PENNIMAN FAMILY.

1 | **ELIHU PENNIMAN.** His wife's name is not known. He lived on the David Blanchard place, having bought it after James McKean, who began the same,



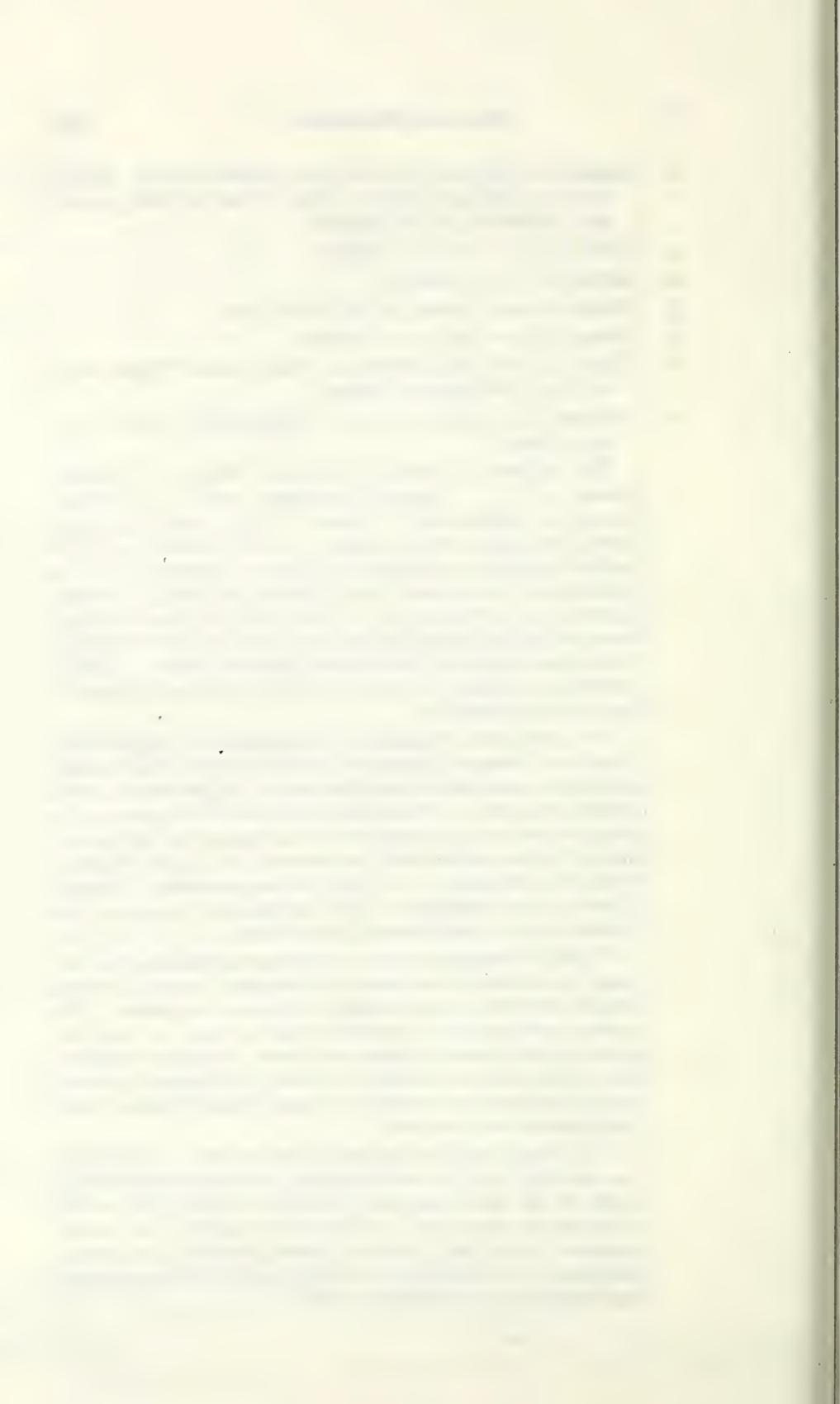
- 2    *Adam*, b. 1779; m., Feb. 26, 1801, Phebe Gray. He d.  
    April 21, 1860, æ. 81 yrs. She d. Jan. 21, 1863, æ. 84  
    yrs.; three ch.; d. in infancy.
- 3    *Ruth*, b. — ; m. — Potter.
- 4    *Sarah*, b. — ; unm.; d.
- 5    *Betsey*, b. — ; unm.; d. in Fitzwilliam.
- 6    *Susan*, b. — ; m. — Damon.
- 7    *Elihu*, b. — ; m., March 10, 1808, Sarah Thayer, dau.  
    of Dea. Christopher Thayer.
- 8    *William*, b. Aug. 5, 1793; d. December, 1872, æ. 79  
    yrs., 4 mos.

The following is from the *Pioneer History of Orleans County, N. Y.*: "Judge Penniman was b. in Peterborough, Hillsborough County, N. H., Aug. 5, 1793. After obtaining a good common school education in his native State, he emigrated to Ontario County, N. Y.; in September, 1816, and from thence to Shelby, Ontario County, in October, 1820. He took up land in that town, on which he resided eight years; he then removed to Albion, remaining there more than two years. Finally settled on a farm in Barre, near Eagle Harbor, where he has ever since resided.

" In 1825, Mr. Penniman was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Orleans County, then lately organized, and one of the first bench judges which composed that court, which office he held five years. In 1831, he was elected justice of the peace, of Barre, and served in that office until he removed to Eagle Harbor, when he resigned. In 1846, he represented Orleans County as a member of the convention to revise the Constitution of the State of New York.

" Judge Penniman was a celebrated school-teacher for many years after he came to Orleans County, having taught school fourteen winters and seven summers. He always took a lively interest in the subject of common schools, was commissioner and town inspector each of the eight years he resided in Shelby, and served as town superintendent of schools in Barre three years, while that system was the law.

" He was a popular justice of the peace. As a judge he was firm, upright and impartial, aiming to sustain the right in his decisions, and in all his official and social relations he sustained a character marked for sound views of men and things — honest, faithful, sagacious, and true, — and now in his old age and retirement enjoys the respect of all who knew him."



## THE PIERCE FAMILY.

1 STEPHEN PIERCE was b. in New Ipswich in 1770, and d. in Peterborough, April 21, 1850, æ. 80 yrs. He m. Hannah Gordon, dau. Samuel Gordon, May 12, 1801. She d. in Hancock, March 15, 1811, æ. 39 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mrs. Sally Walker, May 20, 1815. She d. March 14, 1864, æ. 73 yrs. After his second marriage he re. from Hancock, in 1816, to Peterborough, and bought the John Jewett place; 1st w., seven ch.; 2d w., seven ch.

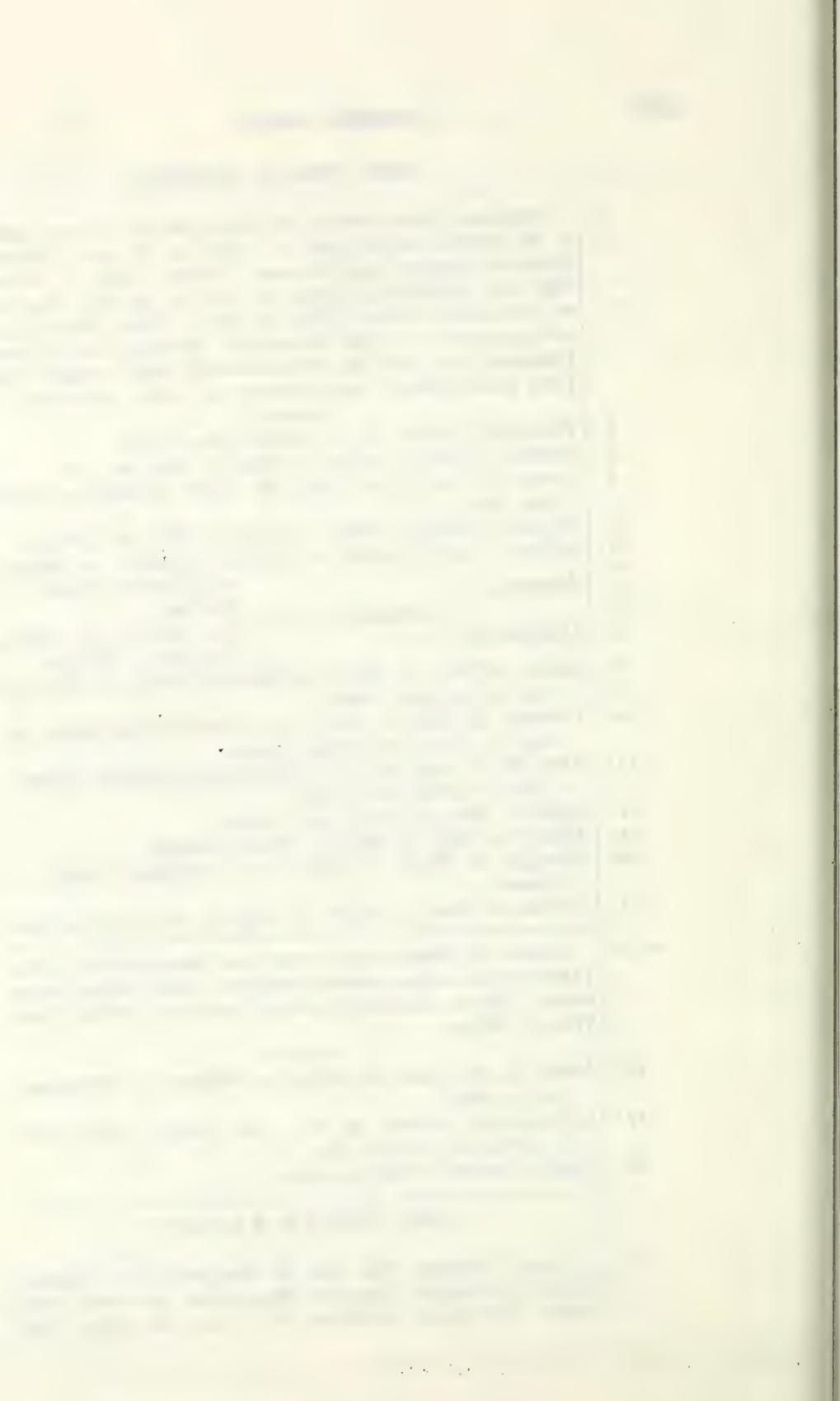
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- 2 *Franklin*, b. 1801; d. in Florida, about 1828.  
 3 *Stephen*, b. Feb. 23, 1803; d. Jan. 6, 1804, æ. 1 yr.  
 4 *Samuel G.*, b. Oct. 6, 1804; m. Mary Brackett; r. Belfast, Me.  
 5 *Stephen*, b. Aug. 4, 1806; d. Feb. 20, 1807, æ. 6 mos.  
 6 *Ellen*, b. Jan. 13, 1808; m. Elisha Gledden; re. Maine.  
 7 *Hannah*, } m. Charles Moore; r. Belfast.  
     } b. March 11, 1811;  
 8 †*Joseph B.*, } m., March 31, 1842,  
                  Lucinda J. White.  
 9 *Sarah*, b. Nov. 17, 1817; m. George Davis; d. May 13, 1842, æ. 24 yrs., 6 mos.  
 10 *Lucinda*, b. Nov. 2, 1819; m. Amaziah Fairbanks; d. Aug. 17, 1841, æ. 21 yrs., 9 mos.  
 11 *Mary W.*, b. Aug. 20, 1821; m. Samuel Bowker, Keene; d. Sept. 6, 1863, æ. 42 yrs.  
 12 *Cyrus*, b. May 14, 1823; re. Canada.  
 13 *Wesley*, b. May 17, 1825; r. Massachusetts.  
 14 *Elbridge*, b. Aug. 13, 1827; m. Henrietta Reed; r. Keene.  
 15 *Persina*, b. June 23, 1830; d. Aug. 29, 1831, æ. 14 mos.
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1-8 JOSEPH B. PIERCE now owns and occupies the John Jewett farm, having recently erected a new house on the same. He m., March 31, 1842, Lucinda J. White, dau. Wm. L. White.

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- 16 *Sarah F.*, b. June 22, 1843; m. Walter J. Haywood, July 5, 1866..  
 17 *Charles S.*, b. March 29, 1845; m., January, 1873, Julia C. Campbell, Putney, Vt.  
 18 *Frank Gordon*, b. May 4, 1854.
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## THE PORTER FAMILY.

- 1 JAMES PORTER, the son of Benjamin and Eunice Nourse Porter, of Danvers, Mass., came to town about 1776. His eldest child was b. in town in 1777. He



was a tailor by trade, and for a time he lived at the Morrison House, near the old meeting-house, and then re. to the Street Road near to Hunt's Corner. He was a well-informed and quiet man. He was a great reader, and patron of all the libraries. He followed his trade in town. He m. Hannah Curtis, b. November, 1748, and d. Nov. 4, 1805, æ. 57 yrs. He was b. Jan. 13, 1755; d. Dec. 2, 1843, æ. 88 yrs.

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- 2 Peter, b. Dec. 5, 1777; d. March 2, 1802, æ. 25 yrs.  
 3 Hannah, b. Feb. 9, 1779; m. James Cunningham.  
 4 Zaccheus, b. Oct. 25, 1780; m. Rachel Cunningham; r. Belfast, Me., and d. there, November, 1824, æ. 44 yrs.  
   He was a lawyer in good standing.  
 5 Sally, b. Oct. 28, 1782; m. Asa Gibbs.  
 6 James, b. June 18, 1785. A graduate of Williams College, 1810. Studied divinity in Belfast. Was settled as minister in Pomfret, Conn., and continued in that relation for twenty-five yrs.; he d. June, 1856, æ. 71 yrs.  
 7 Nancy Curtis, b. April 7, 1787; m. Abel Gibbs; 2d hus., Samuel Maynard.  
 8 Roxanna, b. Aug. 18, 1792; unm.; d. June, 1874, æ. 82 yrs.
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1 HORATIO N. PORTER, a race distinct from the above, was b. March 8, 1811; m. Harriet Nay, dau. of Maj. Samuel Nay, of Sharon, March 31, 1835. He d. Sept. 9, 1852, æ. 41 yrs. He was engaged in staging and carrying the United States mail for some years, up to the time of his death.

2 †Samuel Nay, b. March 7, 1837; m. Jane H. Steele, March 20, 1861.

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1-2 SAMUEL N. PORTER. He m. Jane H. Steele, dau. of Edwin Steele, March 20, 1861. He is a dentist, and took the degree of D.D.S., conferred by the Dental College at Philadelphia, and now practises his profession in town. Chosen town clerk in 1869; town treasurer, 1873, '74, '75, '76.

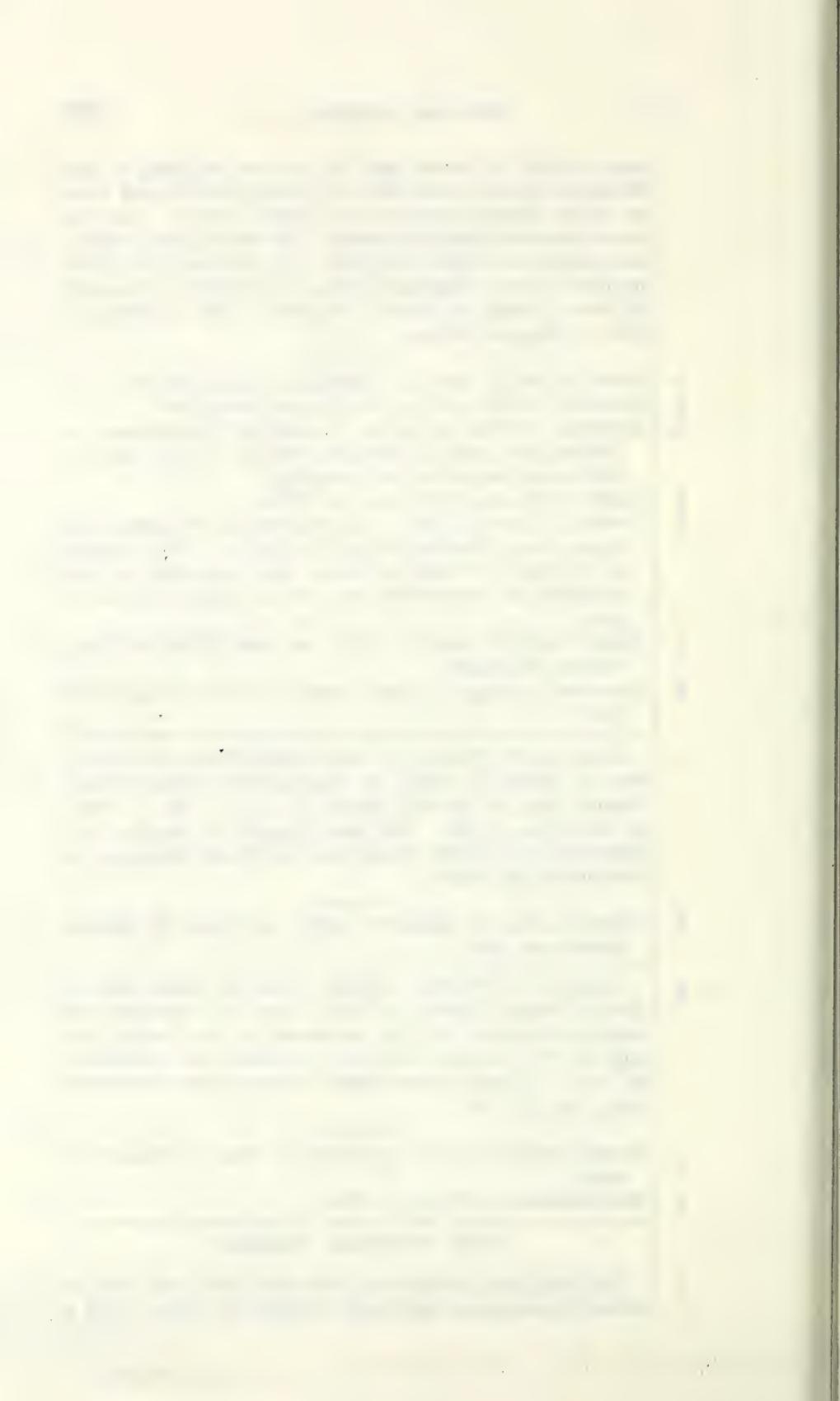
3 Frank Irving, b. Dec. 12, 1861; d. Aug. 8, 1862, æ. 8 mos.

4 Fred Howard, b. Sept. 29, 1864.

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#### THE POWERS FAMILY.

1 Of WILLIAM POWERS we know very little, only that he came to town quite early and bought his place, being a

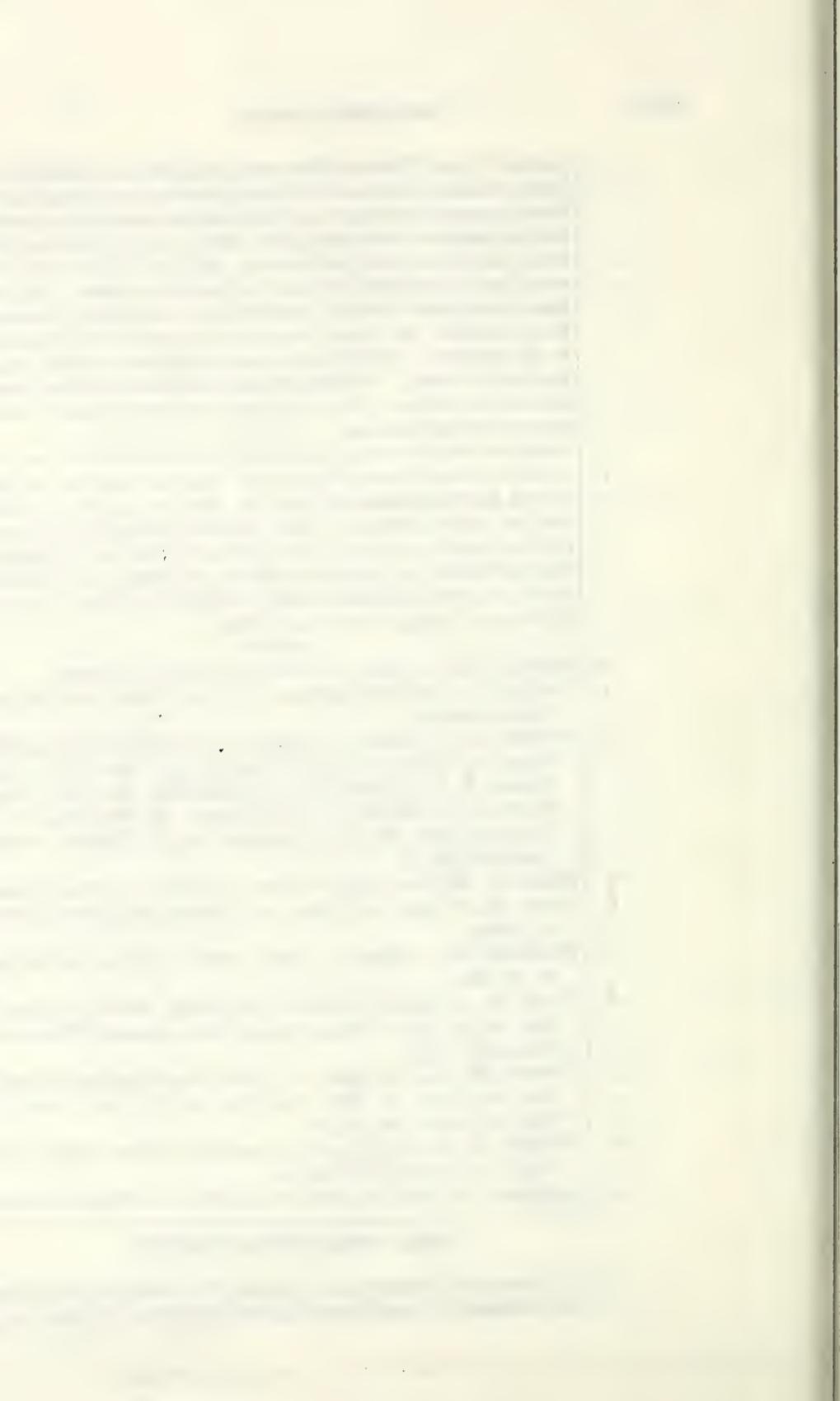


part of Capt. Thomas Morison's mill-farm, on which he built a house and erected clothing-works, and lived here, doing more or less work at his trade for twenty-five years. But he became very poor, and gave up his farm to the town for his support, which was sold to T. K. Ames, in 1815, and afterwards by him to Franklin Mears. Of his family we know little or nothing; no one living remembers anything of them; they must have left town early in the century. Mr. Powers was a clothier by trade, and the first in town. We do not know whether he died here or not, nor when. It is a family entirely distinct from the one which follows.

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- 1 WHITCOMB POWERS was b. in Hollis, April 17, 1756, and d. in Peterborough, Nov. 19, 1826, æ. 70 yrs., 7 mos. He m., 1st w., Feb. 24, 1780, Keziah Loring, b. in Lexington, April 19, 1761. All the ch. by first w. d. young. She d. March 16, 1790, æ. 28 yrs., 10 mos.; m., 2d w., April 21, 1791, Miriam Bond, Dublin, b. July 6, 1768; d. Dec. 20, 1839, æ. 71 yrs., 5 mos.
- 2 *Polly*, b. July 6, 1792; d. Oct. 15, 1792, æ. 9 mos.
- 3 *Polly D.*, b. Jaffrey, June 29, 1793; m. Riley Goodridge, Nov. 8, 1830.
- 4 *Miriam B.*, b. Nov. 17, 1795; m. Collins H. Jaquith, Sept. 17, 1816; ch., (1) Ziba C.; (2) Mary O.; (3) Edwin F.; (4) Jonas H.; (5) Elbridge A.; (6) Amelia M.; (7) Sarah M.; (8) Alfred; (9) Frederick P.; (10) Addison B.; (11) Sanford A.; r. Keene; now Oakfield, N. J.
- 5 *Nabby*, b. May 22, 1798; d. Nov. 9, 1800, æ. 2 yrs., 5 mos.
- 6 *Betsey M.*, b. June 21, 1800; m. Charles M. Howe, Dec. 11, 1823.
- 7 *Mehitable B.*, b. Sept. 2, 1802; unm.; d. Nov. 25, 1873, æ. 71 yrs.
- 8 *Lydia A.*, b. April 28, 1805; m. Hugh Smith, September, 1837; he d. 1843; m., 2d hus., James Williams, October, 1855.
- 9 *Francis W. G.*, b. June 27, 1808; m. Elizabeth Hunt, Oct. 22, 1855; d. May 30, 1871, æ. 63 yrs. She d. May 23, 1870, æ. 52 yrs.
- 10 *William M.*, b. July 23, 1811; m. Mary Clark, Sept. 10, 1838; r. Council Bluffs, Ia.
- 11 *Stephen F.*, b. July 11, 1814; d. April 20, 1815, æ. 9 mos.
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#### THE PRENTICE FAMILY.

- 1 NATHANIEL PRENTICE, a clothier by trade, was the son of William H. and Sarah Edes Prentice, b. Dec. 15,



1755, in Boston. He re. to New Ipswich in 1778, and commenced his business there; was the first clothier in town. He m. Anna, dau. of Benjamin Hoar, the third settler in New Ipswich, b. Feb. 25, 1760. He d. in Peterborough, March 15, 1825, æ. 70 yrs. She d. in Peterborough, Nov. 8, 1824, æ. 64 yrs. He came to town early in the century, and carried on the clothing business in Samuel Smith's shop.

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- 2 *William H.*, b. New Ipswich, Jan. 22, 1781; m. Sally Whipple; r. Boston.
- 3 *Nancy*, b. New Ipswich, Feb. 22, 1783; m. Isaac Packard, Stoughton, Mass.
- 4 *Polly*, b. New Ipswich, May 12, 1785; m. Aaron Salter, paper-maker; ch., (1) William; (2) Sarah Jane; (3) Mary Ann; d. May 26, 1826, æ. 41 yrs.
- 5 *Nathaniel*, b. April 2, 1787.
- 6 *Alfred*, b. Sept. 2, 1789; d. Jan. 18, 1790.
- 7 *John*, b. Feb. 18, 1791; d. Nov. 21, 1802, æ. 11 yrs.
- 8 *Alfred*, b. May 5, 1793.
- 9 *Patty*, b. Sept. 27, 1795; d. April 15, 1838, æ. 43 yrs.
- 10 *Sumner*, b. April 28, 1798; d. Sept. 18, 1843, æ. 45 yrs.
- 11 *Lona*, b. Sept. 18, 1800; m. James Perham, March 6, 1825; re. to Indianapolis, Ind., 1834. She d. June 18, 1846, æ. 46 yrs. He d. 1862. He left a large family. All settled in the West.
- 12 *Lucy*, b. June 20, 1803; d. August, 1806, æ. 3 yrs.
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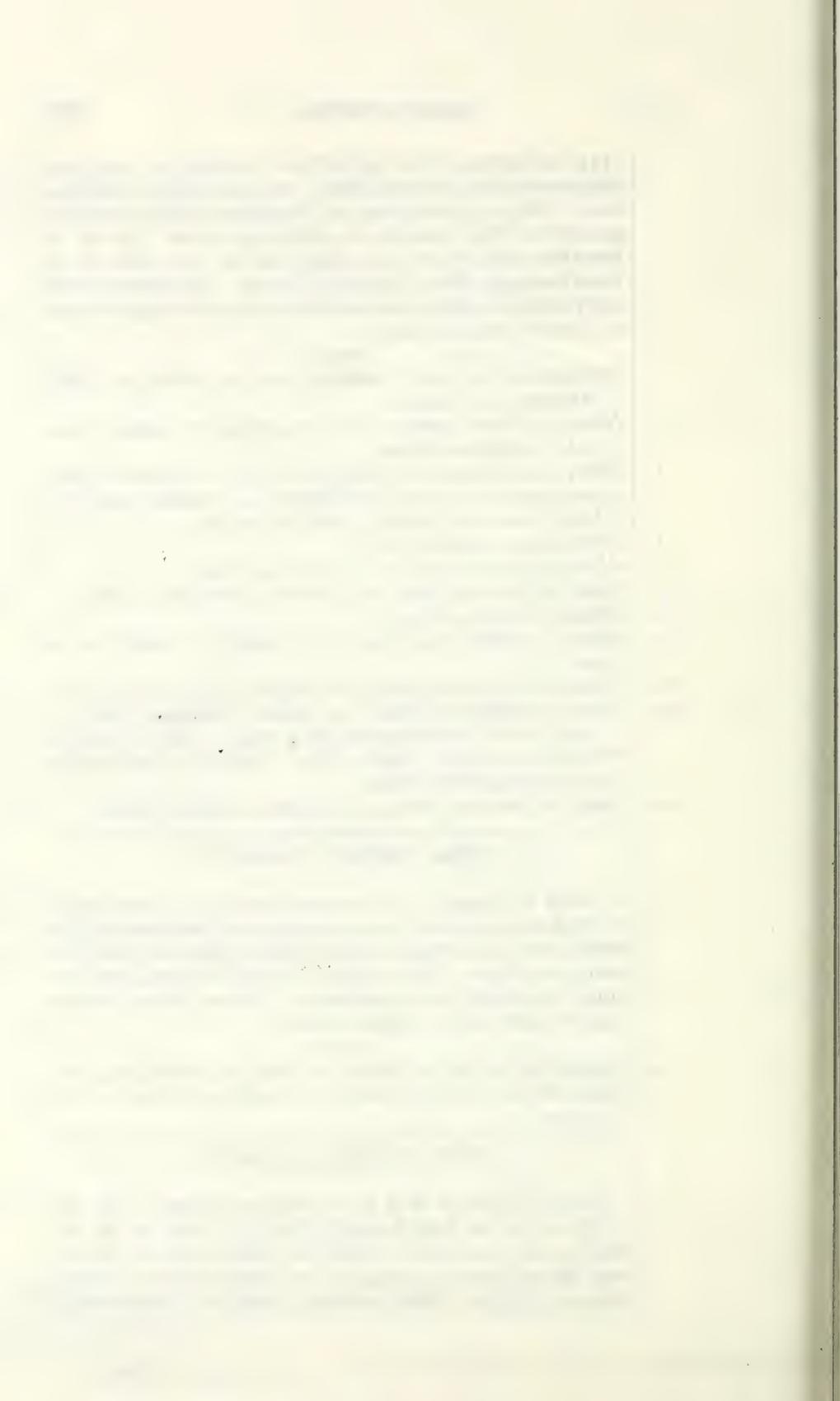
#### THE PRIEST FAMILY.

- 1 *JABEZ B. PRIEST* (Dr.) came to town as a practitioner of medicine, in 1816, and continued in the same till his death, Aug. 17, 1826, by the epidemic dysentery of that year; æ. 36 yrs. He attained a large business, and was quite successful as a physician. He m. Fanny Moore, dau. of John Moore, April 4, 1820.

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- 2 *Charles B.*, b. Jan. 25, 1821; d. Aug. 29, 1826, æ. 5 yrs.
- 3 *John M.*, b. April 26, 1825; d. Aug. 22, 1826, æ. 1 yr., 3 mos.
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#### THE PUFFER FAMILY.

- 1 *ELIJAH PUFFER* was b. in Norton, Mass., Aug. 18, 1738, and d. at Peterborough, Feb. 28, 1816, æ. 78 yrs. He m., May 20, 1764, Elizabeth Jackson, b. in Abington, Mass., June 19, 1744; d. in Peterborough, April 7, 1822, æ. 78 yrs. They probably came to Peterborough



soon after their marriage in 1764. They first lived on a place north of Gen. David Steele's. In 1786, he exchanged this farm for the farm now occupied by the family, in the north-west part of the town. Elijah Puffer was one of a family of twelve children. He was out in the French war, and at one time was stationed at Fort Cumberland.

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- 2    *Matilda*, b. Jan. 26, 1765; d. Feb. 28, 1771, æ. 6 yrs.  
 3    *Polly*, b. Aug. 25, 1766; d. Nov. 30, 1790, æ. 24 yrs.  
 4    *Betsey*, b. Aug. 11, 1768; m. John Nay.  
 5    *Esther*, b. Dec. 18, 1770; d. Feb. 27, 1801, æ. 31 yrs.  
 6    *Elijah*, b. Feb. 25, 1773; d. July 29, 1777, æ. 4 yrs., 6 mos.  
 7    *Samuel*, b. Jan. 13, 1777; d.; æ. 12 dys.  
 8    *Matilda*, b. April 3, 1778; d.; æ. 14 dys.  
 9    *Elijah*, b. July 16, 1779; m., March 29, 1802, Betsey Wares; r. Colchester, Vt., and d. there.  
 10    † *William*, b. April 15, 1781; m., 1st w., Nancy Howe; 2d w., Mrs. Syrena C. Nay.  
 11    *Sally*, b. Jan. 10, 1783; unm.; d. November, 1868, æ. 85 yrs.  
 12    *John*, b. Nov. 3, 1786; d. May 1, 1787, æ. 6 mos.  
 13    *John*, b. March 13, 1791; m., April 9, 1818, Susan Moors; d., February, 1862, at Indiana; ch., (1) John; (2) Susan.
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1- 10    WILLIAM PUFFER. He succeeded his father on the homestead. He m., 1st w., Nancy Howe, dau. Samuel Howe, Dec. 29, 1818. She d. Feb. 18, 1845, æ. 44 yrs., 8 mos.; m., 2d w., Mrs. Syrena C. Nay, wid. of B. Allen Nay, Oct. 18, 1845. He d. March 1, 1870, æ. 88 yrs.

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- 14    *Elizabeth Ann*, b. May 7, 1821; m. John Averill, Nov. 5, 1845.  
 15    *Edwin*, b. March 17, 1823; unm.; r. North Weare.  
 16    *William W.*, b. Dec. 12, 1827; unm.; r. California.  
 17    † *Alvah*, b. Jan. 8, 1837; m. Delle E. Parker.
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10- 17    ALVAH PUFFER. He occupies the homestead. He m. Delle E. Parker, dau. John Parker, June 6, 1861.

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- 18    *Mary E.*, b. Dec. 2, 1867.  
 19    *Myra L.*, b. Aug. 14, 1869; d. Aug. 7, 1870, æ. 1 yr.  
 20    *Minnie F.*, b. April 8, 1871; d. Nov. 10, 1872, æ. 1 yr., 7 mos.  
 21    *Grace L.*, b. March 6, 1874.



## THE RICHARDSON FAMILY.

**1** SAMUEL RICHARDSON (Dr.), son of Ebenezer and Rhoda Coolidge Richardson, was b. in Newton, Mass., Jan. 13, 1795. He studied medicine with Drs. Kidder, of Townsend, Mass., and Spaulding, of Amherst, and attended medical lectures at Dartmouth Medical College, Hanover. He commenced his practice in Peterborough, 1820, and after practising here about twenty years, he removed, about 1839, to Watertown, Mass., where he now resides. He m. Mary Kidder. She was b. in Townsend, and d. in Watertown, Oct. 9, 1861; m., 2d w., Sarah M. Barnard, June 23, 1873.

**2** *Ebenezer Coolidge*, b. April 25, 1821; m. Clara R. Hartwell, Nov. 5, 1847; ch., (1) Mari Aneta, b. Feb. 4, 1849; m. Marshal O. West, Sept. 4, 1873; r. Danbury, Ct.; (2) Carrie V., b. Sept. 19, 1852; m. E. Howard Baker, June 19, 1873; r. Ware, Mass.; (3) Harriet G., b. Nov. 3, 1854; (4) Lottie H., b. March 29, 1857; (5) Mattie R., b. July 11, 1861; (6) Edward C., b. July 2, 1870; d. May 22, 1872, æ. 1 yr., 10 mos. He studied the medical profession, and took his degree at Harvard University Medical Department, 1842, and is now a practising physician in Ware, Mass., in high standing in the community.

**3** *Harriet C.*, b. May 18, 1823; m. Symmes Gardner, Boston, December, 1842; ch., (1) Frank, b. June 13, 1846; d. April 6, 1850, æ. 3 yrs., 9 mos.; (2) Charles Bartlett, b. March 31, 1850; m. Abbie Walker, June 6, 1872. Mrs. Gardner d. in Paris, France, March 4, 1870, æ. 46 yrs., 9 mos. Symmes Gardner d. Sept. 6, 1873.

**4** *Sarah E.*, b. April 1, 1829; d. July 29, 1834, æ. 5 yrs.

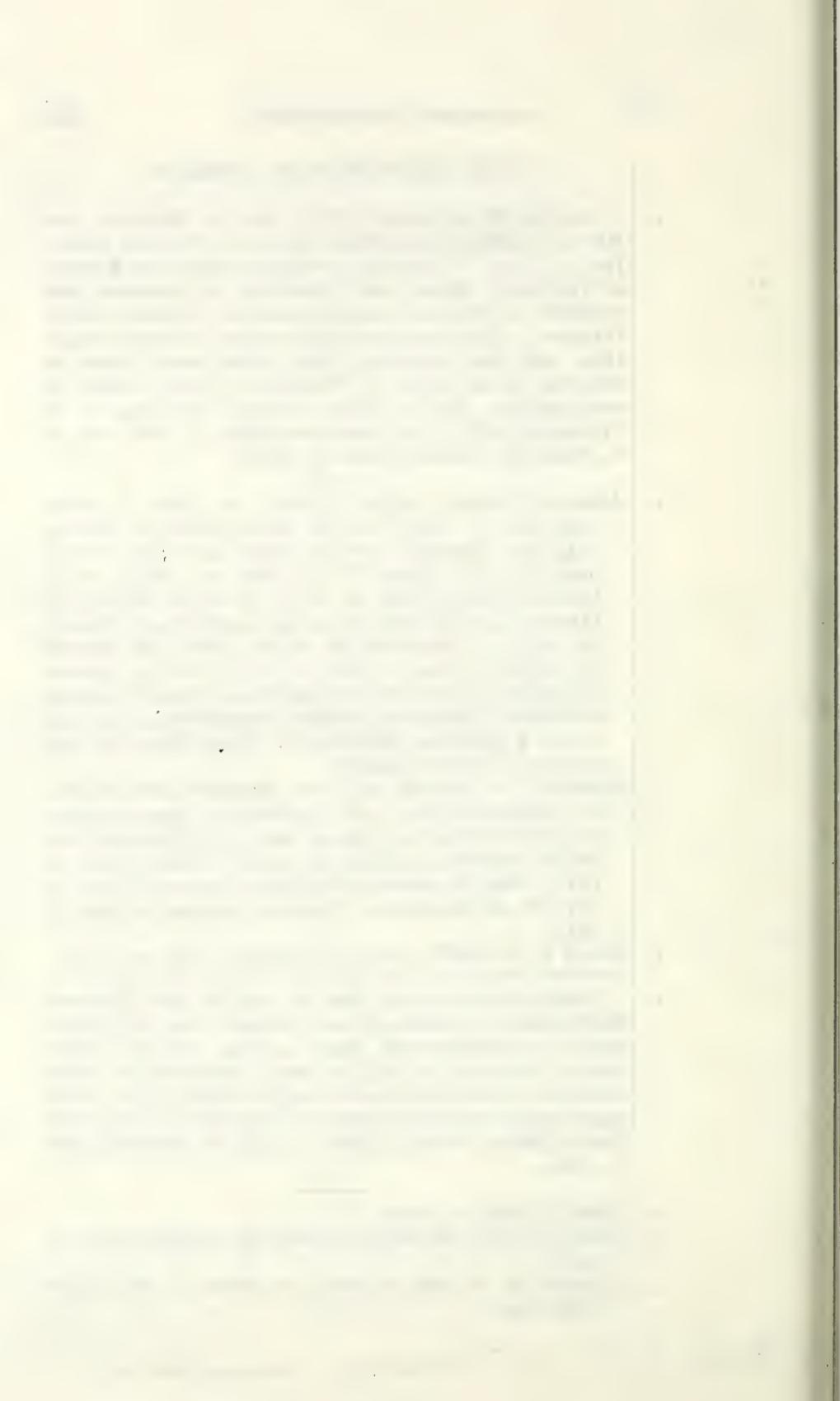
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**1** REUEL RICHARDSON, son of Abijah and Elizabeth Richardson, of Dublin, a race distinct from the above, was b. in Peterborough, Sept. 2, 1793, and d. in town, Aug. 4, 1873, æ. 79 yrs., 11 mos. He came to Peterborough to live in 1820, and bought a farm in the northwest part of the town, where he remained till his death. He m. Betsey Davis, b. April 6, 1798, of Hancock, May 31, 1821.

**2** *Jane*, b. April 22, 1822.

**3** *Betsey*, b. Nov. 26, 1823; d. May 13, 1828, æ. 4 yrs., 5 mos.

**4** †*Charles R.*, b. July 10, 1827; m., Sept. 10, 1850, Mary Eliza Fay.



- 5    *Mary E.*, b. July 31, 1829.  
 6    *Nancy D.*, b. June 11, 1832; d. April 9, 1874, æ. 41 yrs.,  
       9 mos.  
 7    *Emeline L.*, b. Feb. 19, 1834.  
 8    †*Joshua*, b. Nov. 20, 1837; m., Oct. 6, 1858, Almeda L.  
       Bullard.
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I- 4    CHARLES R. RICHARDSON. He resides in north-west part of town, near Barker's paper-mill. He m., Sept. 10, 1850, Mary Eliza Fay.

- 9    *Alfaretta*, b. Aug. 2, 1851.  
 10   *Clara E.*, b. April 22, 1853.  
 11   *Fred*, b. Feb. 13, 1855.  
 12   *Emmagene L.*, } b. Jan. 1, 1860.  
 13   *Emegine*, }  
 14   *Josephine M.*, b. Sept. 27, 1862.  
 15   *Fannie F.*, b. October, 1868.
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I- 8    JOSHUA RICHARDSON. He resides on the homestead. He m., Oct. 6, 1858, Almeda L. Bullard, b. Oct. 21, 1832.

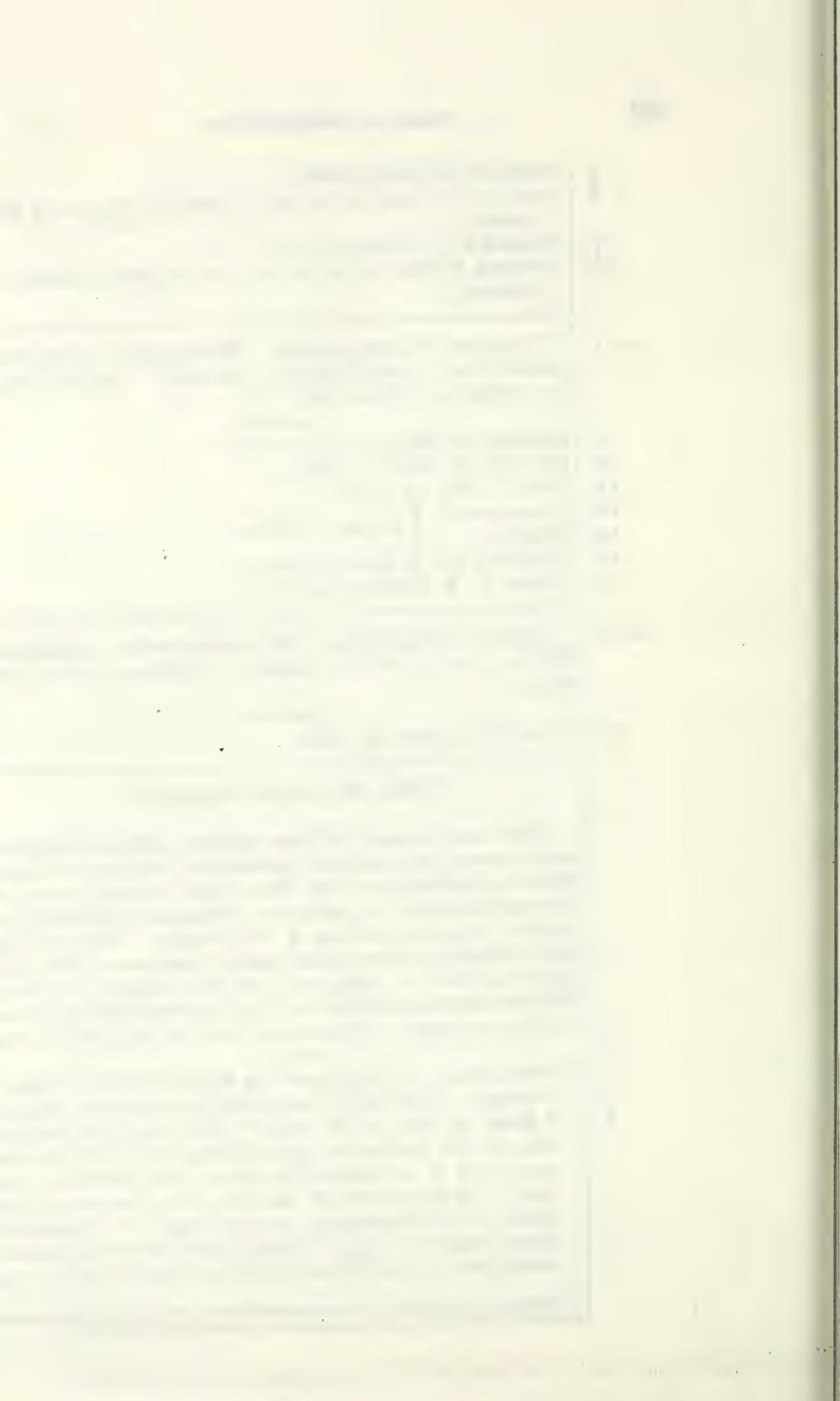
- 16   *Flora F.*, b. Sept. 27, 1861.
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#### THE RITCHIE FAMILY.

I    WILLIAM RITCHIE,\* William McNee, and John Taggart were among the earliest permanent settlers in town. William Ritchie and his wife, Mary Waugh, came to Peterborough for a permanent residence, probably in 1749 or '50, and perhaps a little earlier. He took up his residence in the south part of the town. His son John, b. Feb. 11, 1750, was the first child b. in town. William Ritchie was b. 1728; d. at Peterborough, June 1, 1767, æ. 59 yrs. His wid. d. Jan. 16, 1793, æ. 69 yrs.

John, b. Feb. 11, 1750, was the first child b. in Peterborough. The date is, according to the town record, "John, b. Feb. 11, in 1750." He was a six weeks' man in the service of the colonies, in the winter of 1776, and d. at Cambridge during this period, æ. 26 yrs. The proprietors of the town, at a meeting of the same in Peterborough, at the house of Alexander Scott, Sept. 27, 1753, "Voted, That there be granted unto John Ritchie, son of William Ritchie, Lot No. 19,

\* This name was spelled by the early settlers Richey, but has of late been changed to Ritchie, which spelling has been generally adopted by the descendants.



containing fifty acres, to him, his heirs and assigns forever." Then follow the bounds of the lot. It does not designate why this grant is made. This note is made by Judge Smith: "First child born in Peterborough."

3 *Mary*, b. Nov. 24, 1752; m. Capt. —— Wilson, Coleraine, Mass.

4 †*James*, b. March 10, 1754; m. Sarah Dunlap.

5 *Jenny*, b. 1756; d. Oct. 1, 1758, æ. 2 yrs.

6 *Martha*, b. Aug. 12, 1759; m. Thomas Smith; 2d hus., George W. Miller, Coleraine.

7 †*Robert*, b. Dec. 3, 1763; m. Mehitable Putnam.

There was a garrison near the Ritchie place, for resort in case of danger.

I- 4 JAMES RITCHIE. He lived and d. on what is called the "Ritchie place," in the south part of the town. Mr. Dunbar says, in the church records, in recording his death, "A pious man." He d. March 6, 1806, æ. 51 yrs. He m., April 20, 1780, Sarah Dunlap, b. Aug. 30, 1759; she d. Aug. 4, 1832, æ. 73 yrs.

8 *William*, b. March 25, 1781. He m. Clarissa Kimball. She d. at Needham; four ch., William, James, Sophia, and Kimball. He graduated at Dartmouth College, 1804, studied divinity, and was settled in the ministry in Canton, July 1, 1807. Mr. Dunbar preached the ordination sermon, text, Luke ix., 60. He removed from Canton to Needham, where he preached many years, and where he d. Feb. 22, 1842, æ. 60 yrs. He was present at the centennial celebration of Peterborough, 1839, and responded to a sentiment, which speech is published, and also took part in the devotional exercises of the occasion.

9 *John*, b. Aug. 22, 1782; unm.; d. April 17, 1845, æ. 63 yrs.

10 *Margaret*, b. March 27, 1784; m. Leonard Cragin; r. Westminster, Vt.; d. June 13, 1870, æ. 86 yrs.

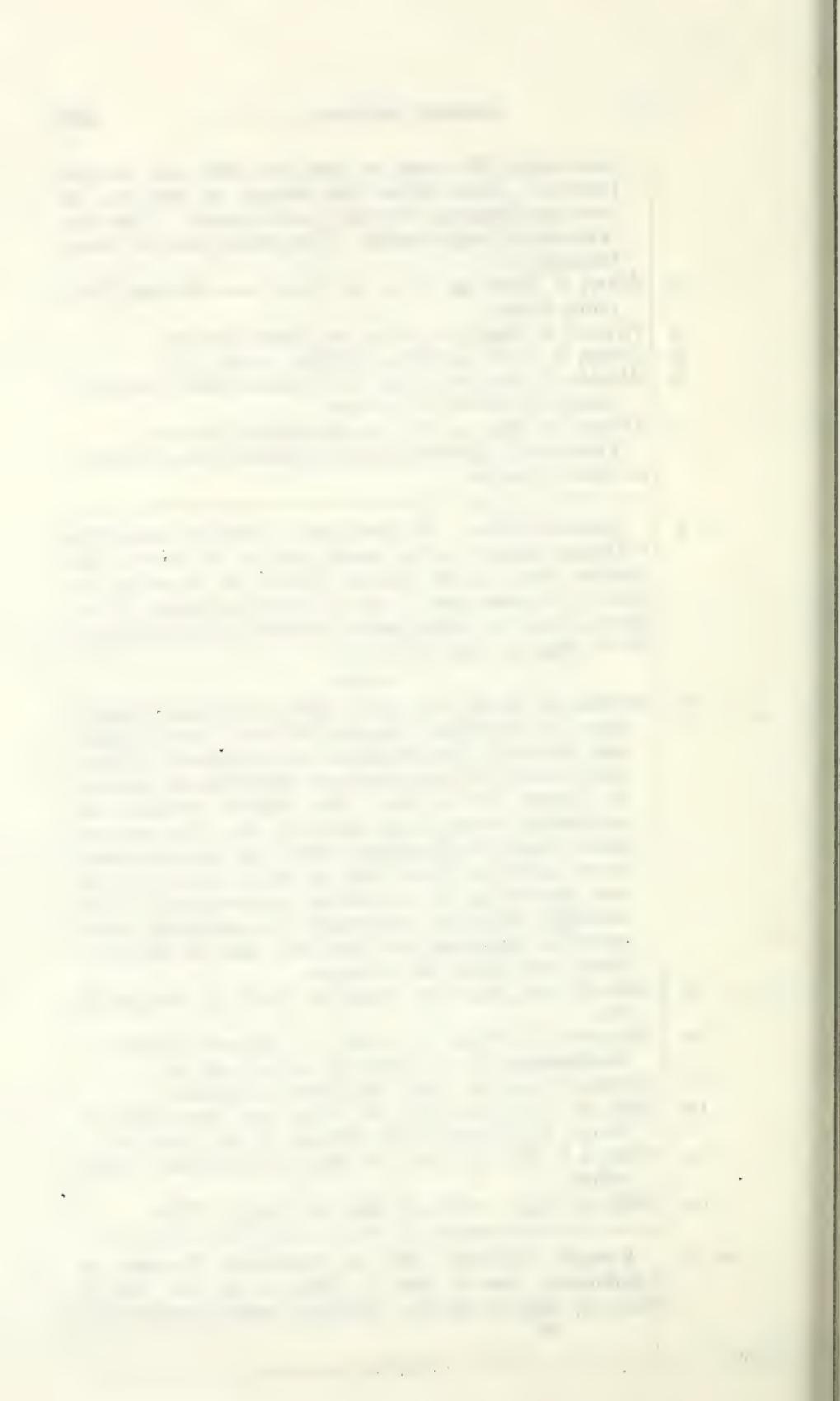
11 †*James*, b. Jan. 20, 1789; m. Rebecca Fletcher.

12 *Sally*, b. April 22, 1793; m., Sept. 30, 1819, John D. Barry; d. Chicago, June, 1870, æ. 77 yrs.; two ch.

13 †*Robert*, b. July 27, 1798; m. Mary Hutchinson; r. East Jaffrey.

14 *Polly*, b. Aug. 1, 1787; d. Dec. 22, 1795, æ. 8 yrs.

I- 7 ROBERT RITCHIE. He m. Mehitable Putnam, of Lyndeboro. She d. Jan. 5, 1860, æ. 87 yrs. He d. Nov. 23, 1832, æ. 69 yrs. He lived upon a farm on the



mountain, in the south-east part of the town. He received, in the distribution of his father's property, the land given by the proprietors to his brother John, for his birthright, Lot No. 19, situated on Temple line, in south-east part of the town.

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- 15 *Mary*, b. Sept. 17, 1804; unm.; has been blind some years.
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4- 11 JAMES RITCHIE. He first lived on the George Duncan place, or the Capt. Isaac Hadley farm. He exchanged this for a farm north of Silas Barber's, where he d. He m. Rebecca Fletcher, Sept. 16, 1810; she d. Feb. 21, 1872; he d. April 13, 1849, æ. 60 yrs., 2 mos.

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- 16 †*John*, b. Dec. 6, 1810; m. Nancy Melvin.  
 17 *James*, b. Aug. 25, 1813; d. Nov. 3, 1815, æ. 2 yrs.  
 18 *Joseph F.*, b. Nov. 9, 1816; m. Sarah R. Thorning; d. Sept. 9, 1853, æ. 36 yrs., 10 mos.  
 19 *James*, b. Feb. 9, 1819; d. March 9, 1819, æ. 1 mo.  
 20 *Charlotte*, b. May 31, 1822; m. George Flanders; r. Prairie du Sac, Sauk Co., Wis.; one dau., Ella Jane.  
 21 *Charles F.*, b. July 18, 1827; r. Sumpter, Wis.  
 22 *Louisa F.*, b. Nov. 29, 1832; d. April 15, 1853, æ. 20 yrs., 4 mos.
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4- 13 ROBERT RITCHIE lived in Peterborough till 1835, when he re. to Jaffrey, and purchased the Pope farm, so called; has now sold his farm and r. in the village. He m. Mary Hutchinson, of Wilton, March 4, 1823; b. March 20, 1802.

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- 23 *James*, b. Jan. 11, 1824; went West; residence unknown.  
 24 *Samuel*, b. July 19, 1825; m. Caroline Jackson; r. Charlestown, Mass.  
 25 *John*, b. June 21, 1827; unm.  
 26 *Wm. Robert*, b. April 16, 1829; unm.; re. to California.  
 27 *George C.*, b. May 5, 1831; unm.  
 28 *Mary Jane*, b. Jan. 20, 1833; m. W. H. Pratt; he d. in the war of the Rebellion. One ch., William H., b. Sept. 1, 1860.  
 29 *Alvin*, b. Feb. 24, 1835. Suppose d. in war; unheard of; enlisted in Illinois.  
 30 *Darius*, b. Jaffrey, Aug. 12, 1836; d. at Buffalo, Aug. 25, 1863, of sickness, on his way home; a soldier in the war of the Rebellion.  
 31 *Henry*, b. Nov. 7, 1837; unm.; killed in battle, Sept. 30, 1864.

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- 32 Edmund F., b. Dec. 10, 1839; d. in hospital in Philadelphia; Nov. 26, 1862; a soldier in the war of 1861.  
 33 Sarah M., b. May 27, 1842; unm.  
 34 Adelbert, b. Feb. 13, 1846.

16 JOHN RITCHIE lived some years after his marriage in Peterborough, then re. to Lowell. He now r. in Platts-mouth, Nebraska. He m. Nancy Melvin, dau. of Reuben Melvin, b. Feb. 26, 1811.

- 35 James Clinton, b. Nov. 24, 1845.  
 36 Clara Maria, b. Lowell, July 24, 1850; d. Lowell, Jan. 7, 1857, æ. 6 yrs., 5 mos.

#### THE ROBBE FAMILY.

1 WILLIAM ROBBE, by all accounts, was one of the earliest settlers in Peterborough. There is, however, much uncertainty in regard to his history. He was b. in Tyrone County, Ireland, in 1692. From the town records of Lunenburg, which are in a perfect state of preservation, and from the records of the church of that ancient town, by the careful examination of George A. Cunningham, Esq., of that town, who has kindly furnished us with these facts, we are enabled to give the following account:—

“William Robbe had two wives, both m. in Ireland. His first wife's name was Elizabeth —, by whom he had one daughter, Margaret, b. Aug. 10, 1717; after this followed seven sons in succession, and whether this woman or his last wife, Agnes Patterson, was the mother of these sons we are uncertain. We incline to believe that his first wife died soon after the birth of Margaret, and that he soon m. Agnes Patterson, and that she was the mother of the seven sons, of whom William, the seventh, was born in 1730, and that the family emigrated to America between 1730 and '33, and during this period Mr. Robbe took up his residence in Lunenburg, for by the church records he and his wife, Agnes, were admitted to full communion, July 29, 1733, and that their daughter, Elizabeth, b. Oct. 2, was baptized Oct. 14, 1733.”

This view of the case would seem to correspond with the representation given by Mr. Dunbar in his sketch of Peterborough, 1822, probably received by him from friends then living who knew the facts.

He says, “the first fruit of Mr. Robbe's marriage was a daughter, then seven sons in succession, then another



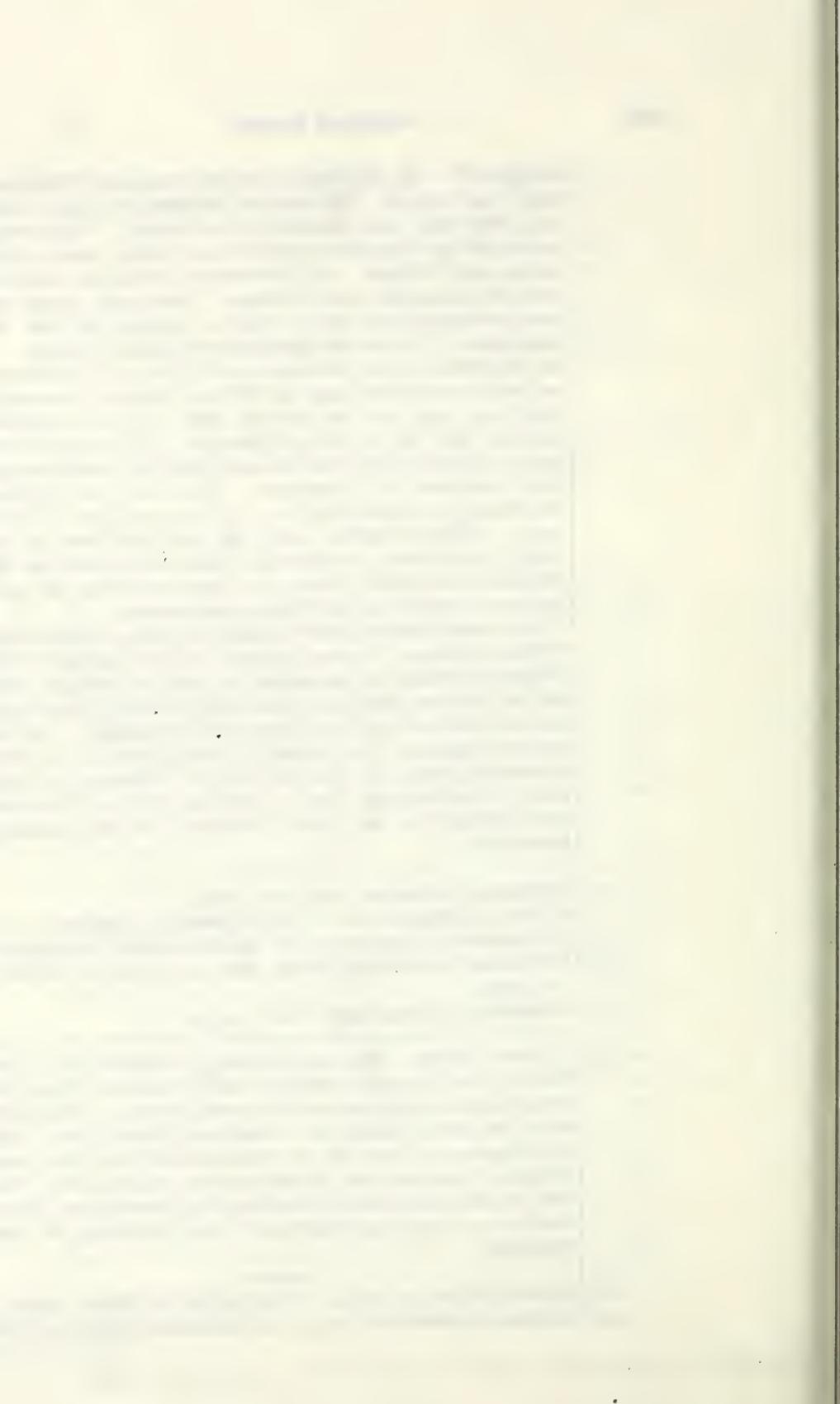
daughter." All this family but the youngest, Elizabeth, was b. in Ireland. Of three of the sons we know nothing; they may have died early in Ireland. We have a record of the four who came to town, John, James, Alexander, and William. All the race in town are descendants of Alexander and William. John and James left town early, and we know little or nothing of their descendants. Of the two daughters we know nothing. In an old Bible, in the possession of Mrs. A. P. Morrison, we find written the name of William Robbe, Townsend, April 14, 1747, and on another leaf that of Alexander Robbe, Jan. 29, 1748-9, Townsend. This would lead us to conjecture that before emigrating to Peterborough they removed to Townsend. The last tax against the family in Lunenburg is a poll-tax of John Robbe, 1743. William Robbe took up his land west of the John Little farm, constituting what was known as the Mitchell and Bailey farms, the latter of which he gave to his son John, and to William the former.

At a town meeting held March 29, 1763, it was voted "That William Robbe, called in the warrant 'Old William Robbe,' be permitted to build a seat for himself, at his own expense, at the left hand of the pulpit, and he may sit on it as long as he pleases." He m. Agnes Patterson, in Ireland, b. 1685, who d. in Peterborough, Sept. 8, 1762, æ. 77 yrs. He was b. 1692, and d. Peterborough, Dec. 5, 1769, æ. 77 yrs. They are both buried in the Little Cemetery on the meeting-house hill.

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- 2 *Margaret*, b. Ireland, Aug. 10, 1717.  
 3 †*John*, b. Ireland, —. (4) †*James*, b. Ireland, —.  
 5 †*Alexander*, b. Ireland, 1726; m. Elizabeth Cunningham.  
 6 †*William*, b. Sudbury, Mass., Nov. 22, 1730; m. Eleanor Craton.  
 7 *Elizabeth*, b. Lunenburg, Oct 2, 1733.
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1- 3 JOHN ROBBE. He was highway surveyor for 1760, '61, '62, '68, '69, and constable for 1772, after which his name does not appear on the town records. He probably left town before the American Revolution. His father gave him land on the west side of the river, constituting what was long known as the Bailey farm. We find by the town records that his wife's name was Elizabeth —, and the births of the following ch. are recorded.

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- 8 *David*, b. Oct. 13, 1752. (9) *Agnes*, b. May 2, 1754.  
 10 *Eleanor*, b. March 21, 1757. (11) *Andrew*, b. Oct. 3, 1761.



1- 4 JAMES ROBBE. We know even less of him than of John. He was present at the first meeting of the town after incorporation, and was chosen a selectman for 1760, and also the succeeding year, and his name appears as a constable in 1774, after which his name does not appear. His wife's name was Jean —.

12 *Samuel*, b. Oct. 11, 1760.

13 *William*, b. April 14, 1762.

14 *James*, b. April 2, 1764.

1-• 5 ALEXANDER ROBBE. He came to town with his father's family about 1750, from Townsend, probably, and began the place where he lived and died, known as the Daniel Robbe farm, now owned by Samuel Adams. He was a captain in the military of that day, and commanded in an alarm, in 1777, of five days; was also mustered by Col. Enoch Hale to serve five months, 1776. He held the office of selectman seven years, *viz.*: 1763, '69, '71, '83, '84, '85, '86. He m. Elizabeth Cunningham, dau. of Thomas and Jenny Craton Cunningham, July 9, 1754. She d. Aug. 28, 1798, æ. 64 yrs. He d. Feb. 3, 1806, æ. 80 yrs. In the church records, Mr. Dunbar says: "Feb. 5, 1806, attended funeral of Capt. Alexander Robbe, æ. 80 yrs. Rev. Mr. Sprague offered prayers."

15 † *William*, b. June 19, 1755; m. Polly Taggart.

16 *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 10, 1757; d. Nov. 29, 1757, æ. 10 mos.

17 *Alexander*, b. July 6, 1761; d. April 17, 1778, æ. 17 yrs.

18 *Susannah*, b. Dec. 4, 1765; m. Samuel Morrison (son of Plato), who was in the Revolutionary service seven years, for which he received a pension granted till his death. She d. Oct. 27, 1848, æ. 82 yrs., 10 mos. He d. Oct. 22, 1842, æ. 81 yrs.; c.

19 *Thomas*, b. April 2, 1768; d. Feb. 22, 1793, æ. 25 yrs.

20 † *Samuel*, b. July 5, 1770; m. Betsey Scott.

21 † *James*, b. Nov. 6, 1772; m. Margaret Taggart, September, 1793.

22 † *Daniel*, b. April 29, 1775; m. Betsey Torrey.

23 *David*, b. Oct. 1, 1777; m. Betsey Chapman.

24 *Elizabeth*, b. April 25, 1759; m. Ensign John Taggart, Dublin.

25 *Agnes*, b. Sept. 21, 1763; m. Nathan Whittemore; c.

1- 6 WILLIAM ROBBE (Lieut.). He was a seventh son in succession, and according to popular belief was endowed with peculiar powers to cure the king's evil, or scrofula. Mr. Robbe appears to have been an influential man in the early records of the town. We find that he was



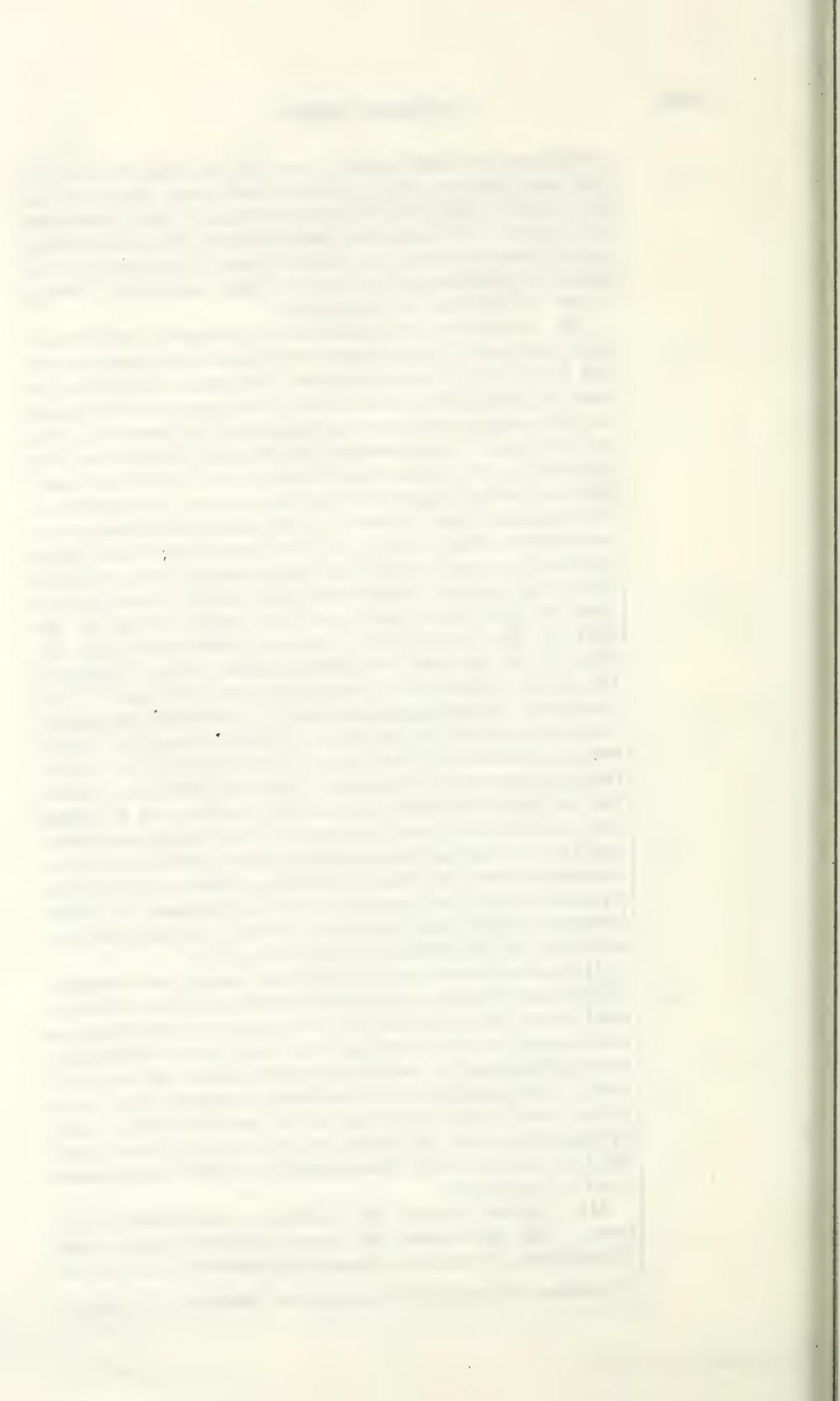
selectman for eight years, 1762, '66, '74, '75, '77, '78, '85, '86, and was one year, 1776, on that most important in the town's history of all its committees, "The Committee of Safety." He held other unimportant offices as tithing-man, pound-keeper, and deer-keeper. He lived on the farm directly west of the Annan farm, so-called, it being a part of farm A, or Gridley lot.

Mr. Robbe was not conscious of possessing any powers beyond those of other men, but from the circumstance of his birth, being the seventh son in regular succession, he was in these times esteemed a gifted person, who should use his supposed powers for the good of mankind. So to his great disadvantage he devoted himself to this business ; for the cure would not come if a fee was paid. He had rather to give his patients a small silver coin — the smallest then known, a fourpence half-penny — to be worn on their necks. If Providence so favored them that they got well, they could then reward him ; but it is rare to all medical experience that such remembrances come to those who have attained health by any of the aids of the healing art ! So the good man lost his money, lost his time, and spent his life in the practice of the most nonsensical mummery in the world. He presented the strange paradox of a good man practising deception as long as he lived. At one time Mr. Robbe was so oppressed by callers, and interrupted in his labor, that he removed to Stoddard. But he could not evade the sufferers who had faith in his powers, and followed him to his retreat, and annoyed him as much as ever ; and then he fancied that things did not go well with him, because he was desirous of shirking duties that Divine Providence had laid upon him ; so he returned to Peterborough, and faithfully devoted himself to the sick and suffering for the remainder of his long life.

His powers were held in universal belief and respect. All classes resorted to him and respected him, and withheld from the delusions all that scathing sarcasm so common to the men then on the stage, with which they were accustomed to put down other follies and absurdities. This delusion has never been reasoned out, never driven out by ridicule alone, but it has been done away by the progress of the times, which have outgrown it, and left it a harmless and innocent folly in which no one now has the least faith.

Mr. Dunbar\* says of Mr. Robbe, in his history of the town : "He was a man of a very amiable, disinterested disposition, of modest, unassuming manners, and of in-

\* Collections, Topographical, &c., relating to New Hampshire, Vol. I., No. 3, p. 136.



flexible uprightness. When questioned as to his extraordinary powers, though he acknowledged the undeniable effects which in many cases almost immediately followed the application of his hand, he would by no means pretend to assign the reason, saying that he knew no more about it than others." He m. Eleanor Craton, dau. of Jenny Cunningham by a former husband, and w. of Thomas Cunningham. She d. July 11, 1826, æ. 84 yrs. He d. June 8, 1815, æ. 85 yrs.

- 26 —, b. — ; m. Lieut. Josiah Allen.  
 27 *Elizabeth*, b. March 1, 1772 ; m. Timothy Farnsworth ;  
     d. Oct. 27, 1812, æ. 40 yrs.  
 28 *Sally*, b. 1779 ; m. John Mussey ; d. Aug. 27, 1840, æ.  
     61 yrs. He d. Dec. 3, 1842, æ. 64 yrs.  
 29 *Jenny*, b. — ; m. Jesse White.  
 30 *Reuben*, b. — ; m. Sally Templeton ; 2d w., — Robbins,  
     dau. Joseph Robbins ; 3d w., Wid. — Dean,  
     Jaffrey.

5- 15 WILLIAM ROBEE (Capt.). He began the place in the west part of the town, where he always lived, and the same is in the family now. He m. Mary Taggart, b. October, 1764, and d. July 6, 1838, æ. 73 yrs., 10 mos. He d. Nov. 15, 1846, æ. 91 yrs. He was present at the centennial celebration of the town in 1839, and was one of the three survivors of the eighty-three who signed the Association Test, or Declaration of Independence, in 1776.

- 31 †*Alexander*, b. July 2, 1784 ; m. Sally Hildreth, Dublin.  
 32 *Elizabeth*, b. March 10, 1786 ; m. Otis Redding ; d.  
     Sept. 24, 1855, æ. 69 yrs.  
 33 *James*, b. Feb. 19, 1788 ; d. 1813, æ. 25 yrs.  
 34 *Mary*, b. Sept. 27, 1790 ; m. Joshua Chapman ; d.  
     Elmira, N. Y., 1862, æ. 72 yrs.  
 35 *William*, b. Nov. 28, 1792 ; m. Louisa Davison ; r.  
     Indiana ; d.  
 36 *Harriet*, b. Oct. 30, 1794 ; unm.

5- 20 SAMUEL ROBEE. He began the place where he always lived, and where he died. It was the lot next east of the Annan farm, being a part of the Gridley lot, or farm A, laid out in the original survey of the town. It was given him by his father, and was one of the most valuable lots in town. He was in service in the Revolution, at Saratoga, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 25, 1777 ; also from Sept. 19 to Nov. 27, 1781, in other service. He m. Betsey Scott,

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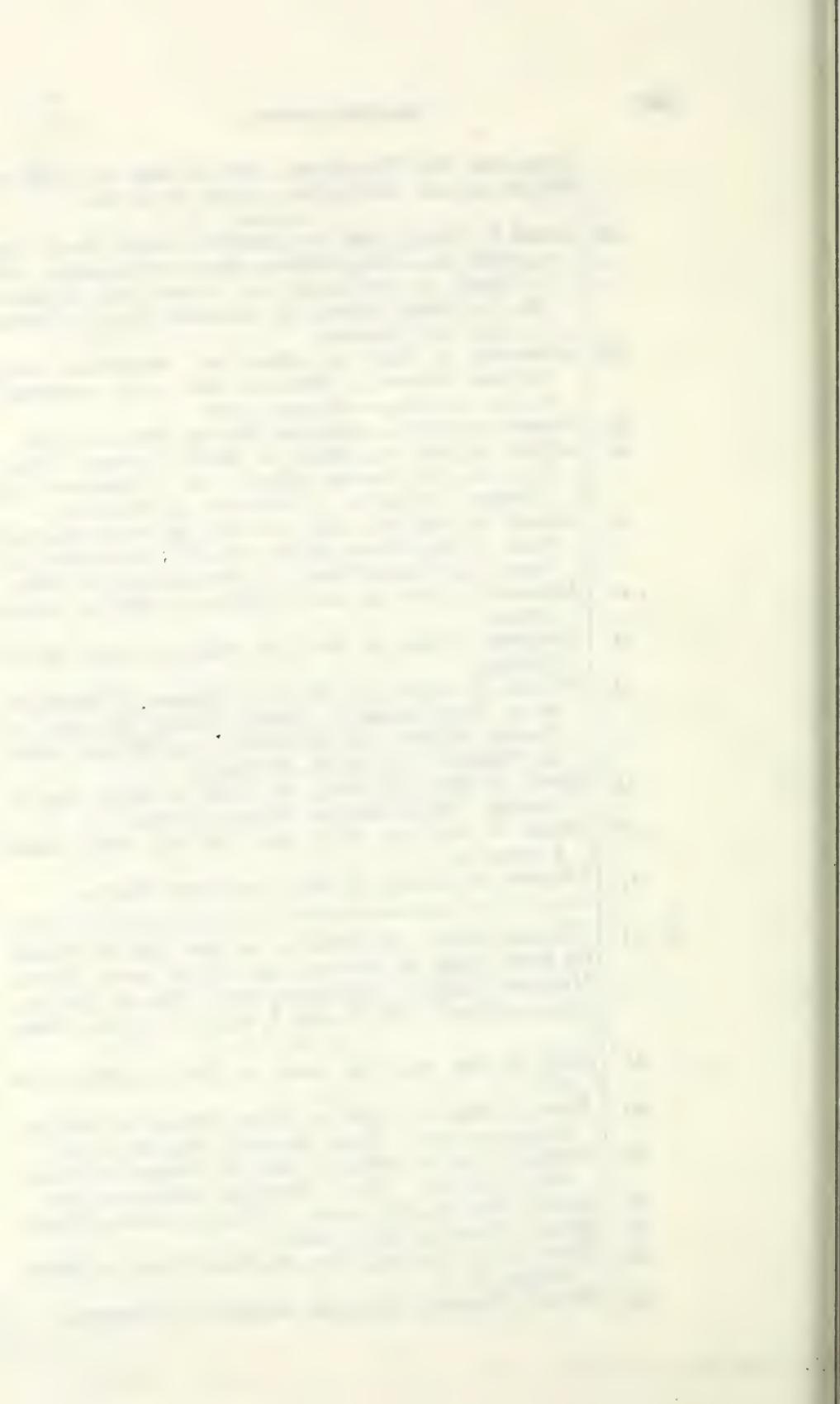
1797, dau. Maj. Wm. Scott. She d. May 25, 1856, æ. 81 yrs., 9 mos. He d. July 1, 1856, æ. 86 yrs.

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- 37 *Lewis*, b. July 5, 1798; m. Harriet French; she d. Jan. 7, 1838; m., 2d w., Melinda Ober, of Hancock. He d. March 13, 1857, æ. 58 yrs., 8 mos.; ch., (1) Sarah M.; (2) Maria Louisa; (3) Elizabeth C.; (4) Charles A.; (5) Mary Frances.
- 38 *Alexander*, b. May 31, 1800; m., September, 1867, Melinda Wilson; r. Hancock from early manhood; d. Jan. 23, 1869, æ. 68 yrs., 7 mos.
- 39 *Samuel*, b. April 14, 1802; d. May 15, 1805, æ. 3 yrs.
- 40 *Alfred*, b. Sept. 14, 1804; m. Maria Griswold, Riley, Ill.; ch., (1) George Alfred; (2) Catharine; (3) Charles; (4) Carrie; (5) Harriet; (6) Newton.
- 41 *Samuel*, b. Aug. 11, 1806; m., Oct. 29, 1835, Hannah Hall; r. Van Buren, Mich.; ch., (1) Alexander; (2) Anna; (3) Cicero Frank; (4) Benjamin; (5) Nellie.
- 42 *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 13, 1808; d. May 20, 1830, æ. 21 yrs., 6 mos.
- 43 *Catharine*, b. Jan. 15, 1811; m., May 31, 1853, Asa F. Gowing.
- 44 *William*, b. April 17, 1813; m. Rowena Whittemore; 2d w., Jane Barber; r. Huntley Grove, Ill.; ch., (1) Frances Marion; (2) Harriet R.; (3) William Delos; (4) Walter C.; (5) 2d m., Frederick.
- 45 *Agnes*, b. June 12, 1815; m., Dec. 2, 1845, Asa F. Gowing. She d. May 20, 1852, æ. 37 yrs.
- 46 *Susan*, b. Aug. 23, 1817; m., July 22, 1868, Jonas Livingston.
- 47 †*Stephen D.*, b. May 17, 1821; m. Nancy Warren.

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5- 21 **JAMES ROBBE.** He lived in the east part of Dublin, his farm being on the east line of the town. He m. Margaret Taggart, September, 1793. She d. Nov. 21, 1863, æ. 86 yrs. He d. Aug. 8, 1836, æ. 63 yrs., 9 mos.

- 48 *Relief*, b. Aug. 26, 1796; unm.; d. Feb. 2, 1864, æ. 68 yrs.
- 49 *James*, b. Sept. 15, 1798; m. Mary Powers; d. Nov. 19, 1839, æ. 41 yrs. She d. March 8, 1857, æ. 52 yrs.
- 50 *Thomas*, b. Aug. 25, 1800; m. Mary A. Nelson; d. Feb. 22, 1863, æ. 62 yrs. She d. March 19, 1866, æ. 55 yrs.
- 51 *Agnes*, b. Feb. 28, 1803; unm.; d. May 17, 1866, æ. 63 yrs.
- 52 *Eliza*, b. March 1, 1805; unm.
- 53 *Joseph W.*, b. Oct. 18, 1807; m. Maria Pierce; r. Holley Village, N. Y.
- 54 *Mary*, b. March 7, 1810; m. Abraham P. Morrison.



- 22 DANIEL ROBBE. He was a man of good talents and considerable culture, and was a strong partisan in the political questions of his day. He succeeded his father on the old homestead, but late in life sold his farm and re. to Norwich, Vt., and after a residence here of two years he again re. to Milton, N. Y., in 1837, where he d. April 1, 1867, æ. 82 yrs. He m. Betsey Torrey, b. Sept. 27, 1780; d. at Peterborough, Oct. 8, 1831, æ. 51 yrs.

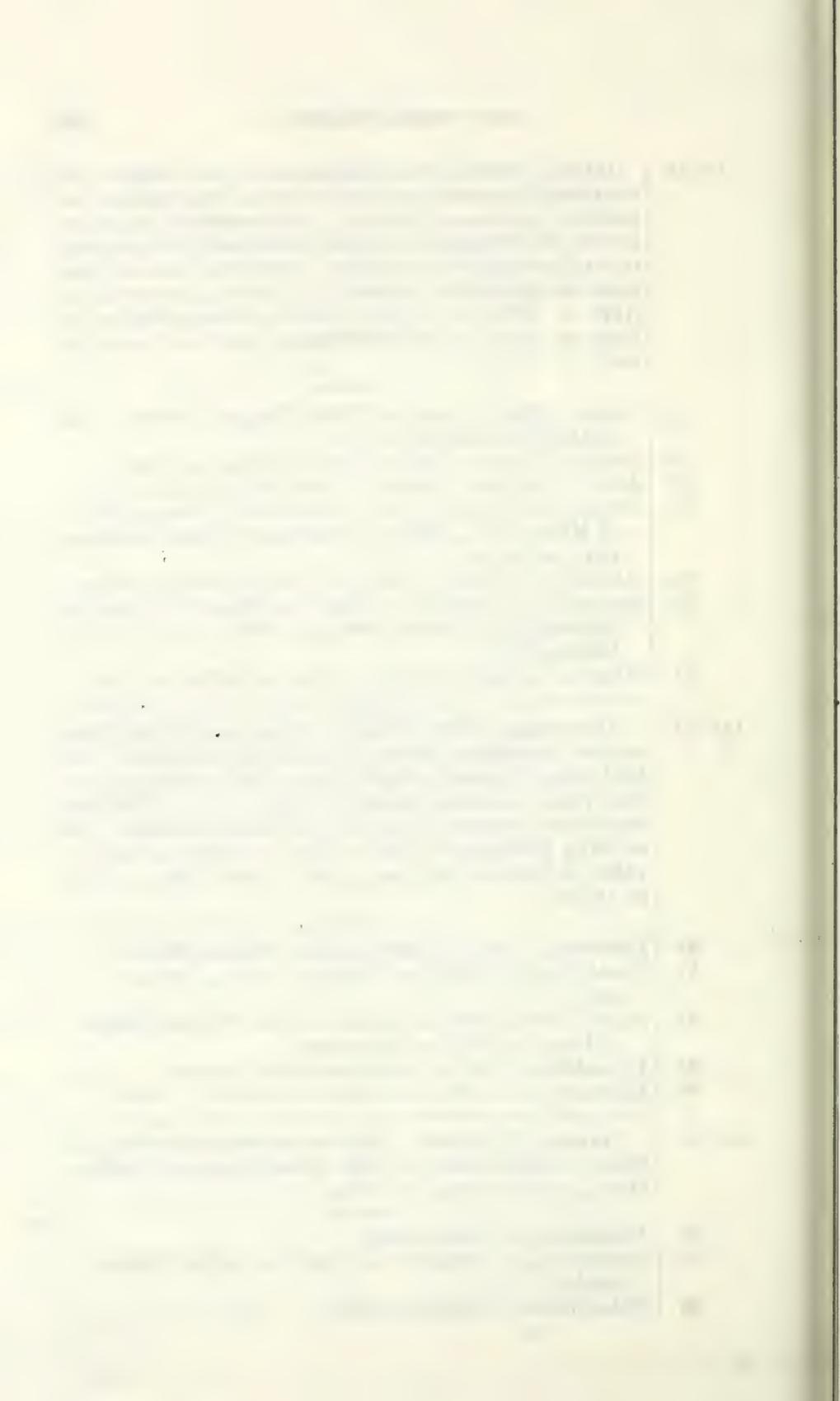
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- 55 *Cicero*, b. May 7, 1805; m. Mary Taggart, Dublin. He d. March 8, 1829, æ. 24 yrs.  
 56 *Betsey*, b. June 1, 1806; d. July 17, 1809, æ. 3 yrs.  
 57 *Mary T.*, b. Nov. 3, 1808; d. Nov. 28, 1835, æ. 27 yrs.  
 58 *Emeline M.*, b. July 5, 1812; m. Darius J. Hewitt, M.D., of Milton, N.Y., who d. at Saratoga Springs, April 24, 1874, æ. 62 yrs.  
 59 *Andrew F.*, b. Feb. 3, 1816; d. July 20, 1822, æ. 6 yrs.  
 60 *Samuel M.*, b. March 15, 1818; m. Harriet N. Paul, of Galway, N.Y. He d. Feb. 25, 1860, æ. 42 yrs.; r. Milton, N.Y.  
 61 *Eliza C.*, b. Aug. 31, 1821; d. Feb. 28, 1822, æ. 1 yr.
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- 31 ALEXANDER ROBBE (Capt.). He succeeded his father on the home farm, where he lived till his death. He held many important offices in town; was selectman for nine years; Representative 1835, '36, '43, '44. He held the office of captain in the New Hampshire militia. He m. Sally Hildreth, of Dublin, April 23, 1807, b. April 7, 1782; d. Feb. 29, 1856, æ. 73 yrs. He d. Feb. 13, 1861, æ. 76 yrs.

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- 62 *Caroline*, b. Feb. 12, 1808; m. Dea. William Moore.  
 63 *Sarah Jane*, b. Feb. 23, 1810; d. Feb. 1, 1831, æ. 21 yrs.  
 64 *Rachel Pitts*, b. Nov. 14, 1812; m. Dea. William Moore; 2d hus., Dr. William Follansbee.  
 65 †*Franklin*, b. Feb. 21, 1817; m. Lydia Boyden.  
 66 †*Edward A.*, b. Dec. 17, 1819; m. Martha J. Davis.
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- 47 STEPHEN D. ROBBE. He lives on the homestead; m. Nancy Warren, dau. of Capt. John Warren, of Dublin, May 3, 1846; b. Aug. 19, 1823.

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- 67 *William A.*, b. Dec. 9, 1849.  
 68 *Frederick G.*, b. March 11, 1852; m., 1876, Helen S. Shedd.  
 69 *John Warren*, b. July 29, 1864.

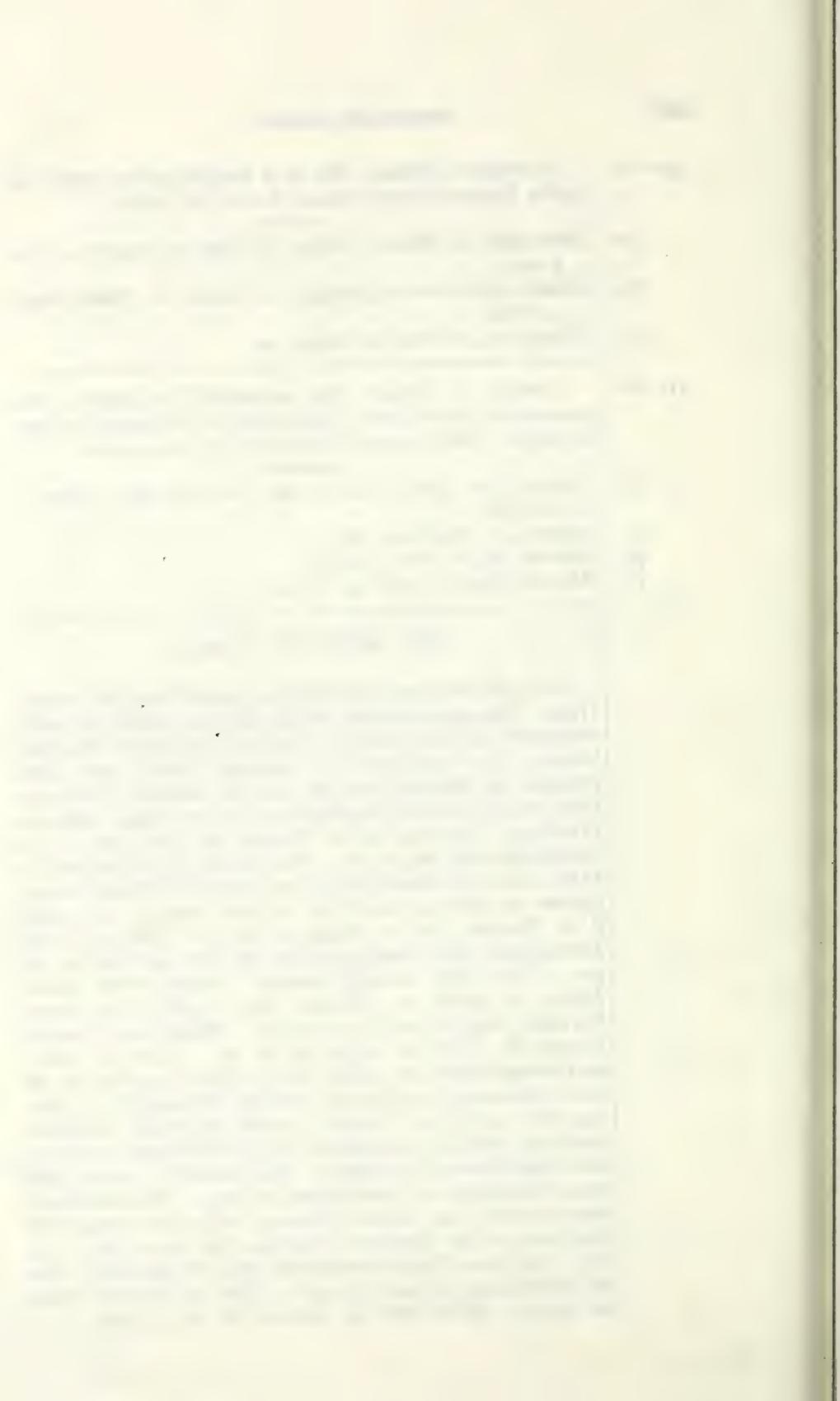


- 31- 65      FRANKLIN ROBBE. He is a machinist by trade ; m. Lydia Boyden, May 6, 1840 ; b. Oct. 22, 1822.
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- 70      *Abbie Ann*, b. March 7, 1842 ; d. Aug. 29, 1843, æ. 1 yr., 5 mos.
- 71      *Frank A.*, b. Nov. 14, 1844 ; m. Katie M. Hahn, Sept. 4, 1871.
- 72      *Charles A.*, b. June 17, 1854 ; m.
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- 31- 66      EDWARD A. ROBBE. He succeeded his father on the homestead ; m. Martha Jane Davis, of Temple, b. Sept. 10, 1826. He d. April 8, 1873, æ. 53 yrs., 4 mos.
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- 73      *Carrie F.*, b. Dec. 4, 1850 ; m., Jan. 18, 1872, John C. Swallow.
- 74      *Abbie C.*, b. Sept. 22, 1853.
- 75      *Harriet A.*, b. Nov. 5, 1855.
- 76      *Minnie Hays*, b. Jan. 14, 1859.
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## I

## THE SAWYER FAMILY.

ABIAL SAWYER was directly descended from the Scotch-Irish. His grandfather, Josiah Sawyer, with his wife, emigrated from the north of Ireland, the precise time not known. He first lived in Andover, Mass., and then removed to Milford, and in 1770 to Sharon, where he lived and d., with the exception of a few years spent in Hancock. He was b. in Ireland, in 1721, and d. in Sharon, in 1813, æ. 92 yrs. His wife was b. in Ireland in 1726, and d. in Sharon, 1807, æ. 81 yrs. His son, Josiah (father to Abial), was b. in Milford, Sept. 7, 1744, and d. in Sharon, Oct. 2, 1829, æ. 85 yrs. He m. Lydia Downing, b. 1746, and d. in Sharon, Feb. 10, 1829, æ. 83 yrs. They had a large family. Among them were: Lydia, b. 1768 ; m. William Nay, and d. in Peterborough, Aug. 28, 1850, æ. 82 yrs. Moses, who lived in Sharon, b. 1774 ; d. 1851, æ. 77 yrs. Alice, b. 1781 ; m. George Shedd, in 1801, and d. Sept. 4, 1849, æ. 68 yrs. Rebecca, b. 1783 ; m. William Pettengill ; d. Dec. 24, 1869, æ. 85 yrs. Abial, b. April 25, 1784 ; raised his family in Sharon, and moved to Peterborough in 1837, and lived there till his death. He erected a house and other buildings on Grove Street in 1837. He was selectman a number of years in Sharon, and also represented the town in the General Court for the years 1835, '36, '37. He was a highly respected and worthy man. He m. Sybil Buss, b. Jan. 16, 1787. She d. Feb. 26, 1866, æ. 79 yrs. He d. Oct. 23, 1870, æ. 86 yrs., 5 mos.



- 2 *Josiah*, b. June 25, 1808; m. Harriet Bates; r. Tremont, Ill.; ch., (1) Abial B.; (2) Josiah M.
- 3 †*Silas*, b. June 8, 1810; m., 1st w., Harriet N. Bacon; 2d w., Mrs. A. Lawrence.
- 4 *Joseph A.*, b. April 12, 1812; m. Martha Richmond; 2d w., Almeda Wells; ch., (1) Edward F.; (2) Emma E.; (3) Albert; (4) Sarah L.; (5) Lucy A.; (6) Laura; (7) Ella; (8) Henry; r. Geneseo, Ill.
- 5 *Almira*, b. Dec. 10, 1814; m. Wirling Gregg, March 19, 1833; d. Jan. 10, 1836; ch., (1) Nancy, b. May 30, 1834; d. April, 1863, æ. 28 yrs., 10 mos.; (2) Almira, b. Jan. 8, 1836; r. Sharon.
- 6 *Louisa*, b. Dec. 17, 1816; d. Aug. 24, 1867, æ. 50 yrs., 8 mos.
- 7 †*Albert*, b. Aug. 16, 1819; m. Sophia M. Gowing, Aug. 26, 1846.
- 8 *Susannah*, b. Aug. 5, 1821; m. Miflin Bailey, 1852; one ch.; she d. Sept. 21, 1873, æ. 52 yrs.; r. Tremont, Ill.
- 9 *Anna*, b. May 25, 1825; m. Albert S. Scott, Nov. 25, 1851.
- 10 *Andrew F.*, b. Aug. 19, 1827; d. Sept. 25, 1829, æ 2 yrs.

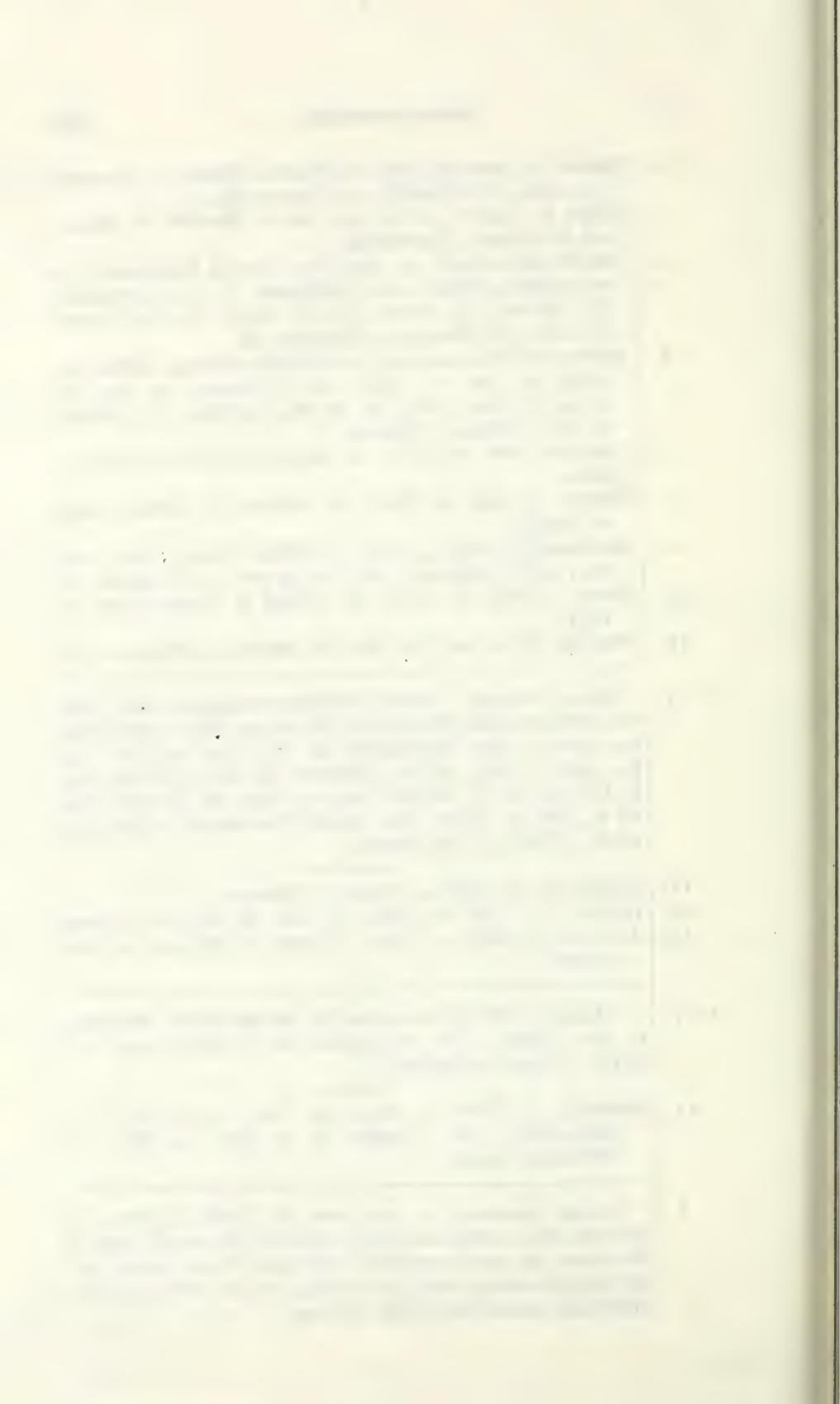
I- 3 **SILAS SAWYER.** He re. to Peterborough in 1864. He was selectman in Sharon for four years, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1838, '39, '50, '51. He m., June 1, 1837, 1st w., Harriet N. Bacon, of Sharon, b. July 31, 1815; she d. Aug. 19, 1856, æ. 41 yrs.; m., 2d w., Feb. 9, 1857, Mrs. Annis Lawrence, b. Dec. 30, 1808. His ch. b. in Sharon.

- II *Stephen A.*, b. April 14, 1840; r. Kansas.
- 12 *George A.*, b. Feb. 25, 1850; d. Oct. 28, 1850, æ. 8 mos.
- 13 *Mary L.*, b. Aug. 11, 1856; d. June 16, 1869, æ. 12 yrs., 10 mos.

I- 7 **ALBERT SAWYER** succeeded his father in his residence in the village. He m. Sophia M. Gowing, Aug. 26, 1846. Now deputy-sheriff.

- 14 *Emma S.*, b. May 25, 1847; m., Dec. 13, 1870, J. P. Farnsworth; ch., Charles A., b. Jan. 15, 1871; r. Fitchburg, Mass.

- 2 **JOSIAH SAWYER**, b. 1772, son of Josiah Sawyer, of Sharon, and brother to Abial, lived in the north part of the town, on the Greenfield line, where he d. 1801, and left the following family, according to the town records. His wife's name was Patty Wyman.

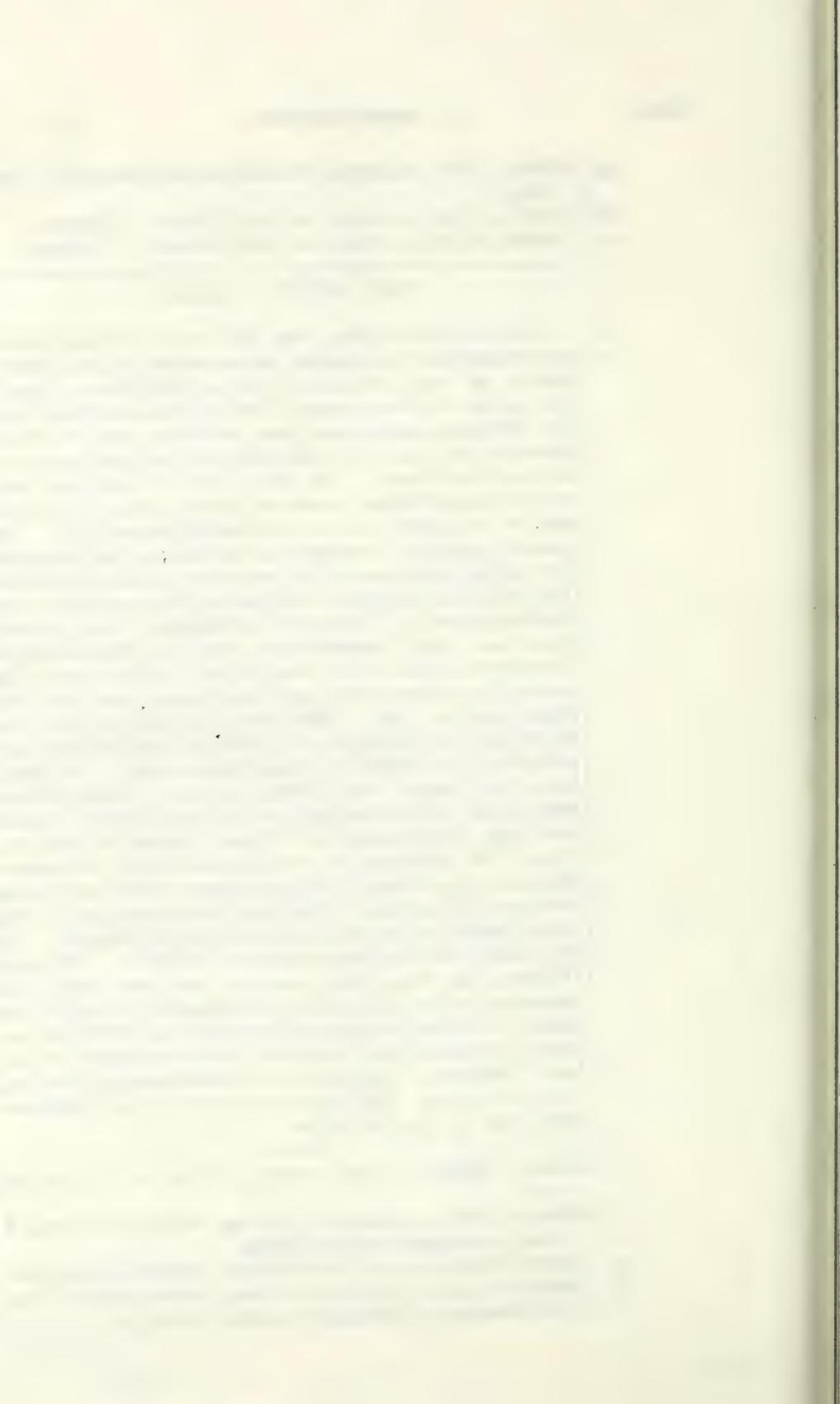


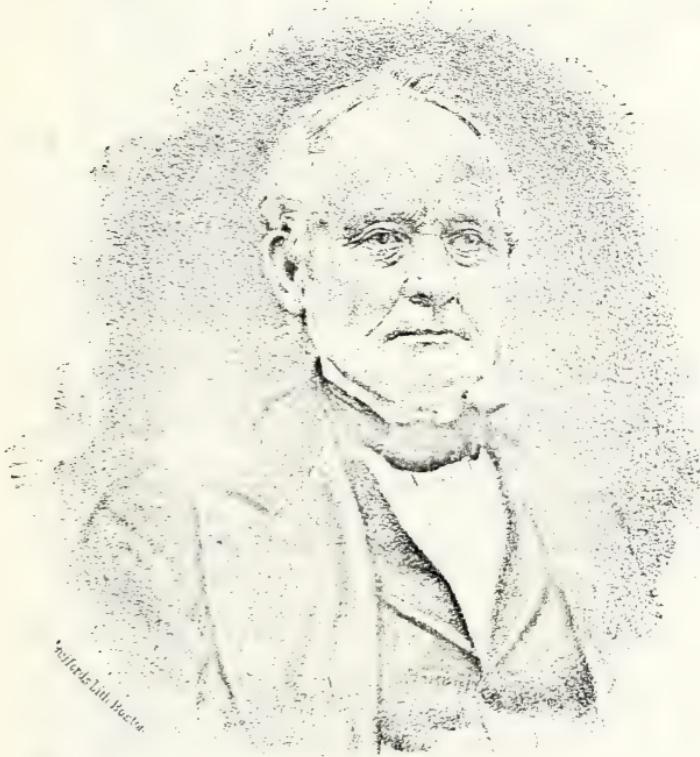
- 15 *Mary*, b. Nov. 25, 1795; m. Benjamin Howard; r. Jaffrey.  
 16 *Sally*, b. Aug. 14, 1797; m. Lot Nichols; r. Sharon.  
 17 *Josiah*, b. July 7, 1800; m. Mary French; r. Jaffrey.
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## THE SCOTT FAMILY.

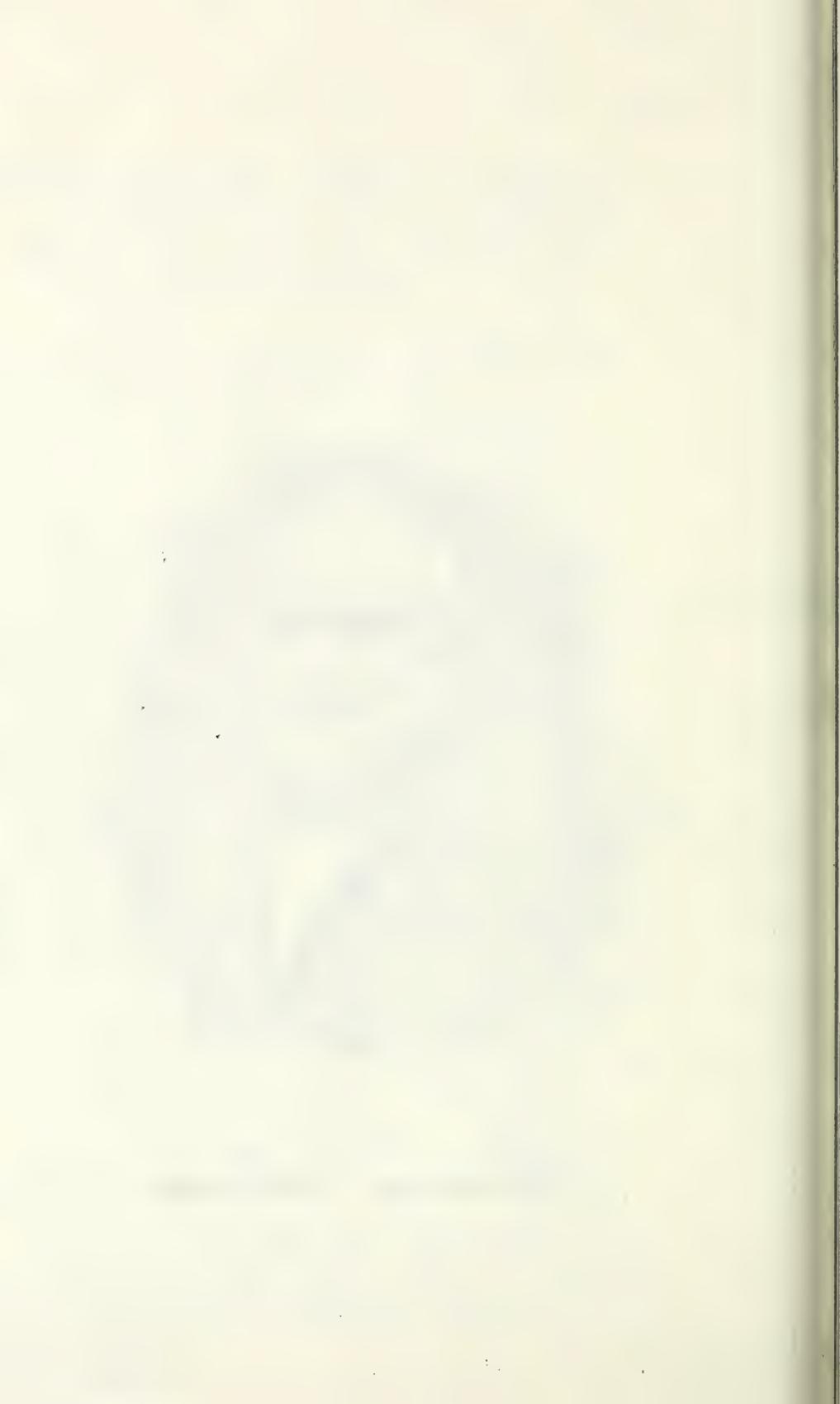
1 WILLIAM SCOTT, Sen., was the son of William Scott, and emigrated to America, accompanied by his father's family, in 1736, and first lived in Hopkinton, Mass., two years, when he came to New Ipswich, and lived with Col. Kidder a part of one year, and then came to Peterborough, in 1739 or '40, and took up the place where he lived till his death. This was a swell of land just west of the James Wilson house or Hunt's Corner, so called, and on the south part of the meeting-house hill. The ground gradually descends to the south; the situation very sightly, and one of the best early locations in town. The old cellar-hole now only marks the spot where the buildings stood. He was m. to Margaret Gregg about 1740, and they immediately came to Peterborough. They were driven off by fear of the Indians soon, and returned to Hopkinton, and while here Ellen, the first child, was b., 1742. They were supposed to have returned to Peterborough soon after her birth, but did not probably till a number of the children were b.; as Mary, b. in 1744, Jean, b. 1746, David, b. 1749. These children were not b. in Peterborough, as the first child b. in town was John Ritchie, son of William Ritchie, b. Feb. 11, 1750. The inference is that the family did not return till after 1750, though William Scott might have been here part of the time. His family first occupied a log-cabin, which he had made temporarily for himself. He was among the very first settlers of the town. His son, William, Jr., being the youngest son, was settled at home on the old homestead, and remained there till his death. William Scott and wife were of Scotch-Irish descent, and came from Coleraine, in the north part of Ireland. He was b. 1713, and d. in Peterborough, Nov. 20, 1795, æ. 82 yrs. She was b. in 1717; d. in Peterborough, Oct. 3, 1797, æ. 80 yrs.

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- 2 *Ellen*, b. March 2, 1742; unm.; d. Feb. 12, 1833, æ. 95 yrs.  
 3 *Mary*, b. July 14, 1744; d. Jan. 24, 1812, æ. 67 yrs., 6 mos.; a cripple from childhood.  
 4 *Jean*, b. Nov. 20, 1746; m. William Cochran for his 2d w.  
 5 *David*, b. June 8, 1749; m. Nancy Robbe; 2d w., Isabel Moore; r. Stoddard; d. 1815, æ. 66 yrs.

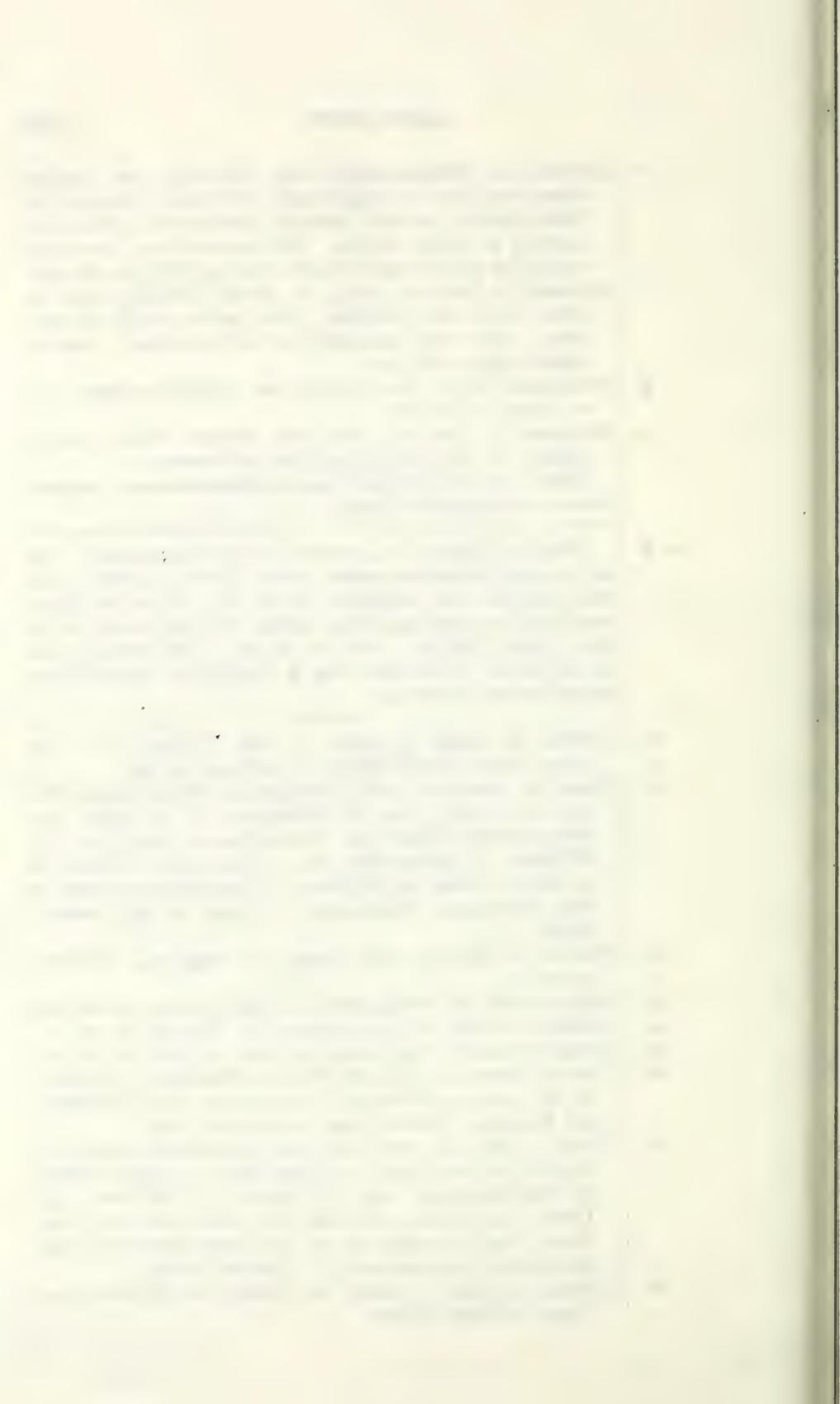




James Scott



- 6 | *Thomas*, b. Peterborough, Aug. 18, 1752; m. Eunice Weekwan; had a large family of twelve children in Nova Scotia; served through Revolution before removing to Nova Scotia. He returned to Peterborough late in life, and d. there, May 25, 1833, æ. 81 yrs.
- 7 | *Hannah*, b. Oct. 20, 1754; m. David Robbe; went to New York, then to Ohio. She had a family of children. She was supposed to be bewitched. She d. about 1830, æ. 84 yrs.
- 8 | † *William*, Jr., b. Jan. 8, 1756; m. Catharine Ames; 2d w., Dorcas Pulcifer.
- 9 | *Margaret*, b. Jan. 2, 1760; m. Samuel Wills; had a family; d. 1835, æ. 75 yrs.; re. to Vermont. Ellen and Mary each had a maintenance secured them in their father's farm.
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- 10-8 | WILLIAM SCOTT, Jr., settled on the homestead. He m., 1st w., Catharine Ames; she d. June 5, 1808, æ. 49 yrs., and was the mother of all the ch.; m., 2d w., Dorcas Pulcifer, April 24, 1815; she d. Feb. 27, 1826, æ. 51 yrs. He d. Oct. 10, 1829, æ. 73 yrs. He lost the use of his lower limbs, and was a cripple for about thirty years before his death.
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- 10 | *Nathan*, b. April 15, 1782; r. Italy Hollow, N. Y., in 1810; had a large family; d. 1864, æ. 82 yrs.
- 11 | *David*, b. March 20, 1785; studied law with James Wilson, Sen., Esq.; re. to Columbus, O., in 1811; m. Nancy White, dau. John White, Jan. 1, 1810; ch., (1) William; (2) Alexander H.; (3) Amelia. William is a lawyer; lives in Hillsboro, O., and is successful in his profession. Alexander H. lives in St. Joseph, Mich.
- 12 | *Thomas*, b. Jan. 25, 1787; unm.; d. Aug. 29, 1818, æ. 31 yrs.
- 13 | *Sally*, b. Feb. 18, 1789; unm.; d. May 3, 1857, æ. 68 yrs.
- 14 | *William*, b. Feb. 16, 1791; unm.; d. 1832, æ. 41 yrs.
- 15 | *Betsey*, b. June 3, 1793; unm.; d. July 11, 1827, æ. 34 yrs.
- 16 | *Jane*, b. Nov. 29, 1795; m. Michael Maxfield, of Naples, N. Y.; ch., (1) Hiram; (2) Catharine; (3) Elizabeth; (4) Frances. She d. June, 1868, æ. 73 yrs.
- 17 | *John*, b. Feb. 18, 1797; m. Sally Knowland, mother of the ch.; 2d w., Jane A. Abbot, dau. of Daniel Abbot, of Peterborough; ch., (1) John; (2) William; (3) David; (4) James; of these ch., James only survives. He d. Sept. 1, 1846, æ. 49 yrs.; was successful and acquired a large property; r. Detroit, Mich.
- 18 | † *James*, b. Feb. 17, 1807; m. Sarah Ann Wilson, dau. Capt. William Wilson.



He m., May 28, 1840, Sarah Ann Wilson, dau. of Capt. Wm. Wilson.

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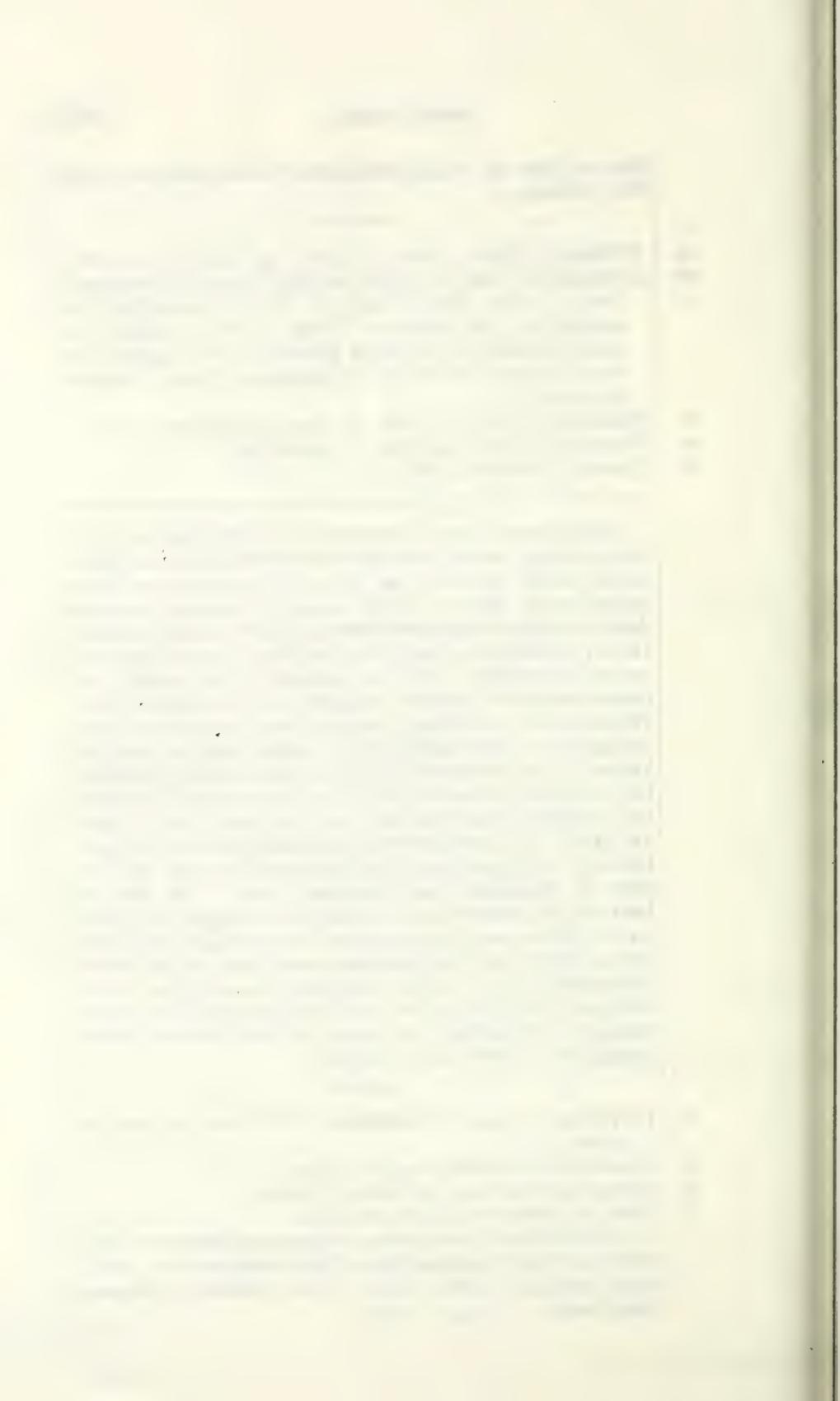
- 19 William, b. Sept. 1, 1841; d. Aug. 24, 1842, æ. 11 mos.  
 20 Catharine, b. Dec. 30, 1842; m. Maj. John A. Cummings.  
 Dec. 1, 1861. She d. Aug. 13, 1862; drowned by the sinking of the steamer "West Point," coming in collision with the "George Peabody," while going up the Potomac River to Washington, from Fortress Monroe.
- 21 Franklin, b. July 15, 1848; d. Aug. 19, 1848, æ. 1 mo.  
 22 Frederick, b. June 13, 1854; d. same day.  
 23 Fannie, b. March 9, 1857.
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1 ALEXANDER SCOTT is represented in Mr. Dunbar's history as being one of the first five who made any attempt at settlement as early as 1739. They may not have stayed more than a single season. Another account does not include his name among the very first pioneers. He no doubt came early, but just the time we have no means of knowing. He was probably b. in Ireland, and came over with the other emigrants of the same name, William Scott and family, in 1736, with whom there was, no doubt, a relationship, but of what kind we do not know. It is evident that he re. here from Townsend, for the births of two of his children are found recorded in Townsend, David, b. Aug. 16, 1742, and John, b. April 16, 1749. It is probable that the family moved to Peterborough in 1749 or '50. In this record they are the children of Alexander and Margaret Scott. The first we hear of Alexander Scott in town he is keeping a tavern, on the spot where Major Robert Wilson succeeded him, and a meeting of the proprietors was held at his house, September, 1753. He is next living on a lot east of the old graveyard, just where we do not know. He afterwards re. to Dublin. No record of the death of either himself or his wife can be found.

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- 2 † William, b. 1742; d. Litchfield, N.Y., Sept. 19, 1796, æ. 54 yrs.  
 3 David, b. Townsend, Aug. 16, 1744.  
 4 † Alexander, b. ——; m. Betsey Taylor.  
 5 John, b. Townsend, April 16, 1749.

Of David and John above we know nothing more, only that they were mustered into Continental service, April, 1777, by Col. Enoch Hale. They probably removed from town.

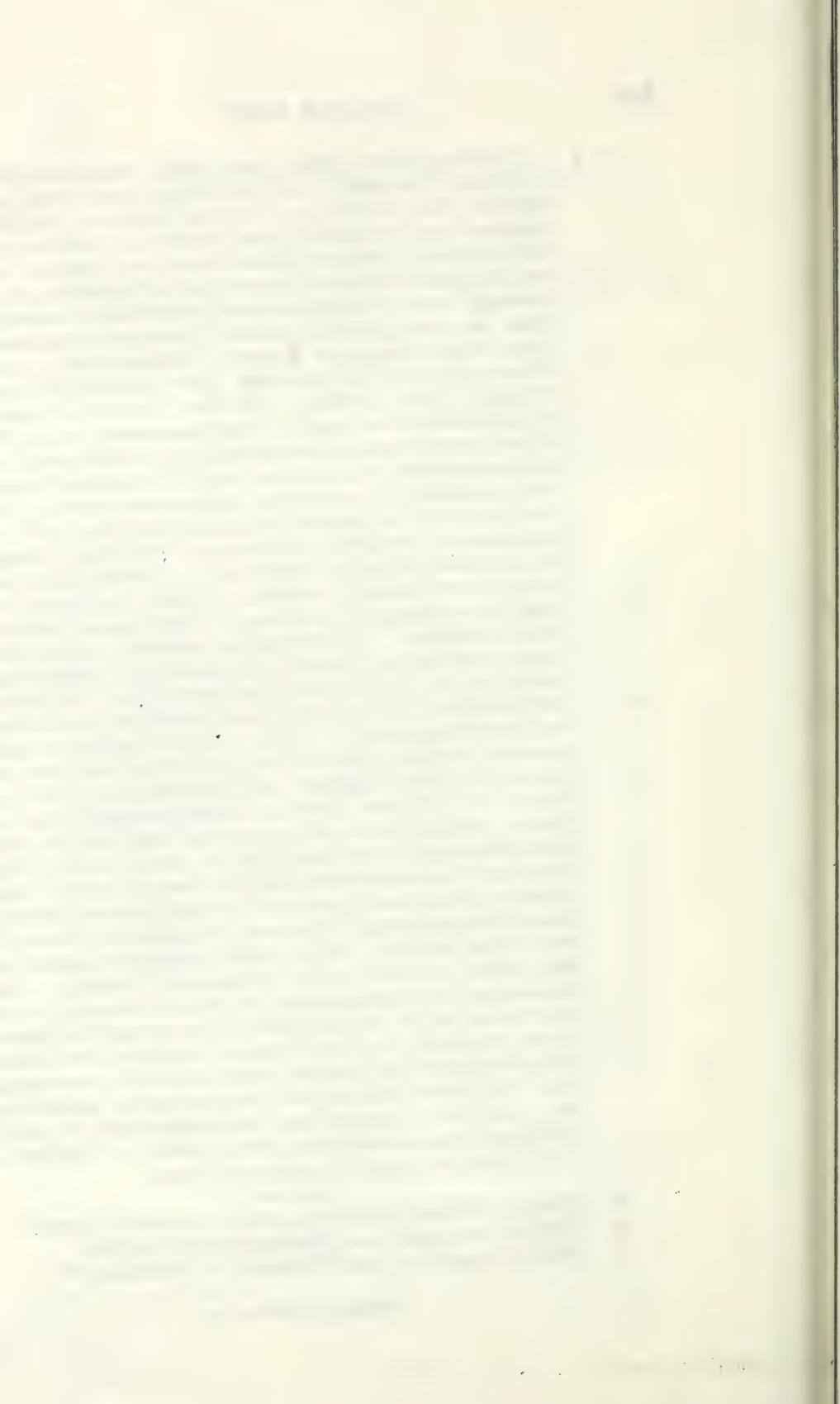


1-2 WILLIAM SCOTT (Maj.) was young when his father re. from Townsend to Peterborough, not more than eight or nine years of age. In the history of Dublin, it appears that Alexander Scott resided in that town, on the lot where Thaddeus Morse now lives, between 1750 and '60, probably after he gave up his tavern in Peterborough, and kept a tavern here, or furnished entertainment to those persons, especially soldiers, who passed from Peterborough to Keene. William Scott, son of Alexander, lived on the farm (Lot 13, Range 6) now owned by John Gleason. The Hon. John Scott, son of William, was born here.\* "He was heard to say that he well remembered, when quite young, playing with his brothers on the shore of the pond (Monadnock Lake); that occasionally the play was pushing one another from the fallen trees or slippery logs into the water." We do not know of any other residence of Wm. Scott, though it is probable that the family re. to Peterborough, and resided there, during his absence in the Continental service, and subsequent to the war. The name of his wife is also unknown. He received a captain's commission, Jan. 1, 1777, in Col. Henley's Regiment, Mass. line, afterwards Col. Henry Jackson's. According to the *Historical Collections*, Vol. I., p. 28, three battalions were raised in New Hampshire in 1776. In the battalion commanded by Col. Joseph Cilley, of Nottingham, are the names of James Taggart, of Peterborough, Lieut. of Co. 1, and William Scott, of Peterborough, Capt. of Co. 8. He saw much military service, and with his two sons remained in the army till he resigned, in 1781. After this he entered the naval service on board of the frigate "Dane," and served in that and other ships until peace was proclaimed. His son David died in the sixth year of his service. For a more particular account of Maj. Scott, I refer to the Centennial Address. He appears to have been a man of noble character, and a great honor to his adopted town. It is a matter of great regret that there is so little historic account of this man, or that tradition has handed down so little concerning him. We know little of him beside what is related in the Centennial Address, and no descendant, or older inhabitant, can add anything more. He d. at Litchfield, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1796, æ. 54 yrs.; b. 1742.

6 †John, b. Dublin, March 23, 1765; m. Bethiah Ames.

7 Polly, b. ——; m. —— Ramsey; re. to Litchfield.

8 Phebe, b. ——; m. Abel Whitney; r. Tunbridge, Vt.

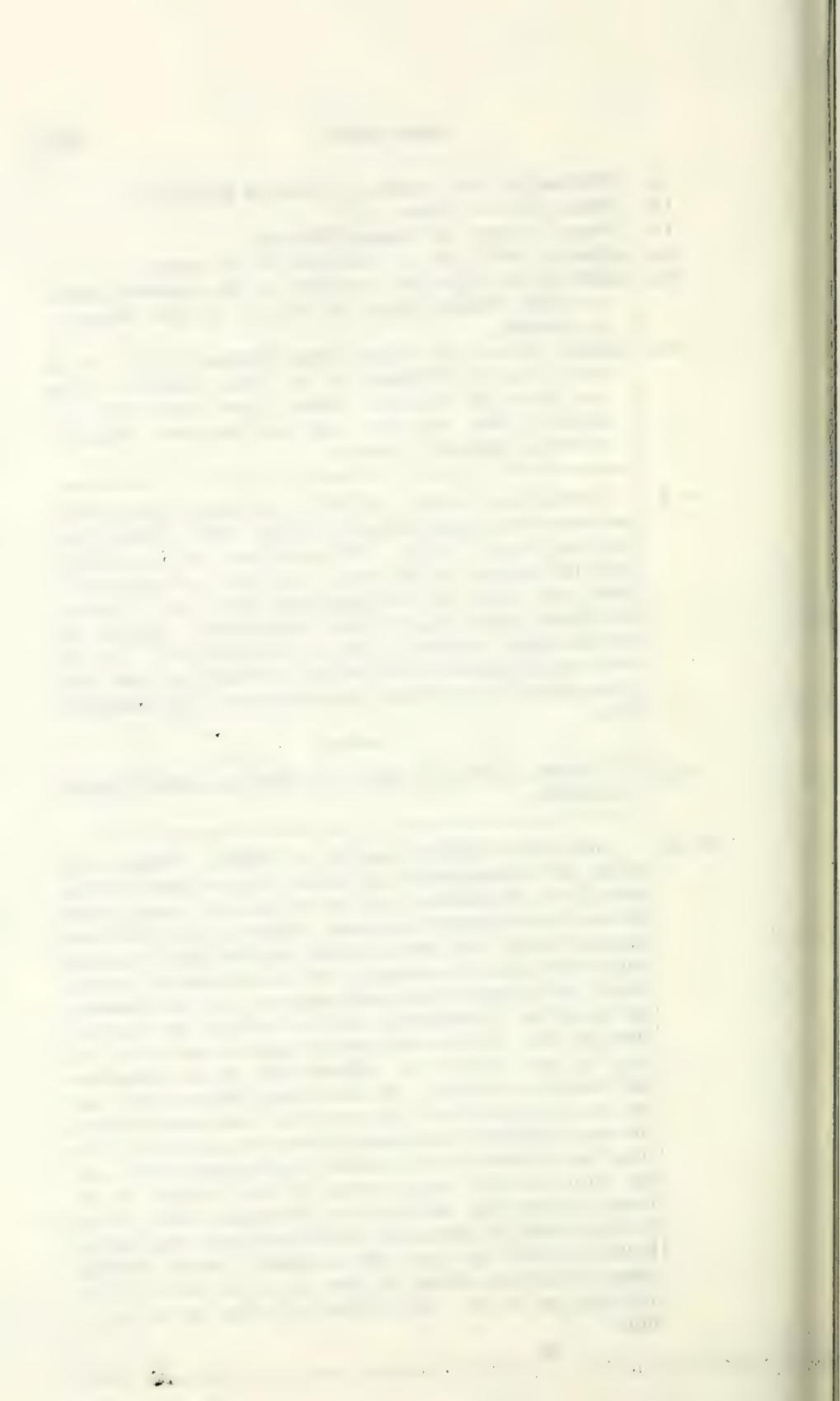


- 9      *William*, b. — ; unm. ; d. Presque Isle, N.Y.  
 10     *James*, b. — ; unm. ; d.  
 11     *Betsey*, b. 1775 ; m. Samuel Robbe.  
 12     *Agnes*, b. — ; m. — Lincoln ; d. of cancer.  
 13     *Sally*, b. Oct. 23, 1780 ; m., Nov. 1, 1810, Ashbel Loomis ; d. in Alstead, Sept. 10, 1841, æ. 60 yrs., 10 mos. ; r. Alstead.  
 14     *David*, b. — ; m. Anna Lyon, Hudson, N.Y. ; d. in 1819 ; ch., (1) William ; d. ; (2) Anna Maria, b. May 10, 1810 ; m. Richard James, New York City ; (3) Jane, b. Dec. 18, 1811 ; m., 1st hus., — McCoy ; 2d hus., Stephen P. Steele.

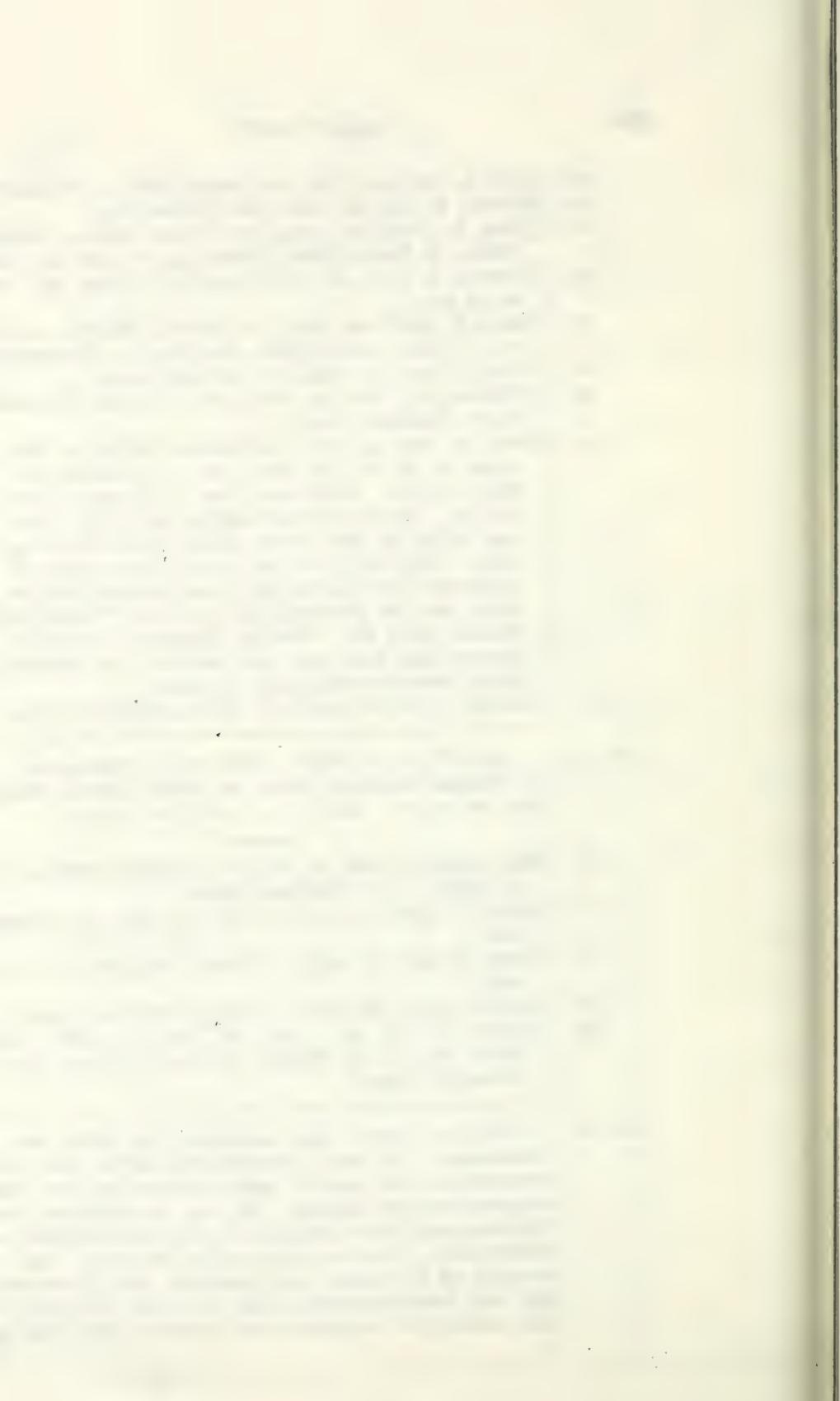
1- 4    ALEXANDER SCOTT. He had a club foot (*talipes varus*), and was consequently lame all his life. He m. Betsey Taylor, dau. Isaiah Taylor. We have been able to get very little information of this man. He was a shoemaker by trade, and lived on the cross-road from Windy Row to the Faxon place; house now demolished. Cannot ascertain when or where either he or his wife d. If our early recollections of this man are correct, no great loss is sustained by the scanty reminiscences that remain of him.

- 15     †*I. Taylor*, b. Feb. 13, 1795 ; m., May 20, 1828, Hannah Stickney.

2- 6    JOHN SCOTT (Hon.) was b. in Dublin. When very young he accompanied his father, Major Scott, in the war of the Revolution, and was out several years, when he was from thirteen to sixteen years of age. He was always through his life an ardent patriot and a staunch supporter of his government. In the division of parties, which took place in the early stage of our government, he took the Democratic side, to which he adhered through life. He was selectman eight years, 1810, '11, '12, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18. He was one of the presidential electors for 1840. He was deeply interested in all the municipal affairs of the town, and was always one of the most influential debaters in the town meetings. He lived on a farm directly west of the Osgood place, and his farm included eighty acres of the Gridley lot, or farm A, extending down to the Nubanusit River. Late in life he sold his farm and re. to the village, and built a house in which he lived till his death. He m. Bethiah Ames, of Groton, Mass., b. Nov. 30, 1770, who d. Feb. 16, 1852, æ. 81 yrs. He d. Dec. 27, 1847, æ. 82 yrs., 9 mos.

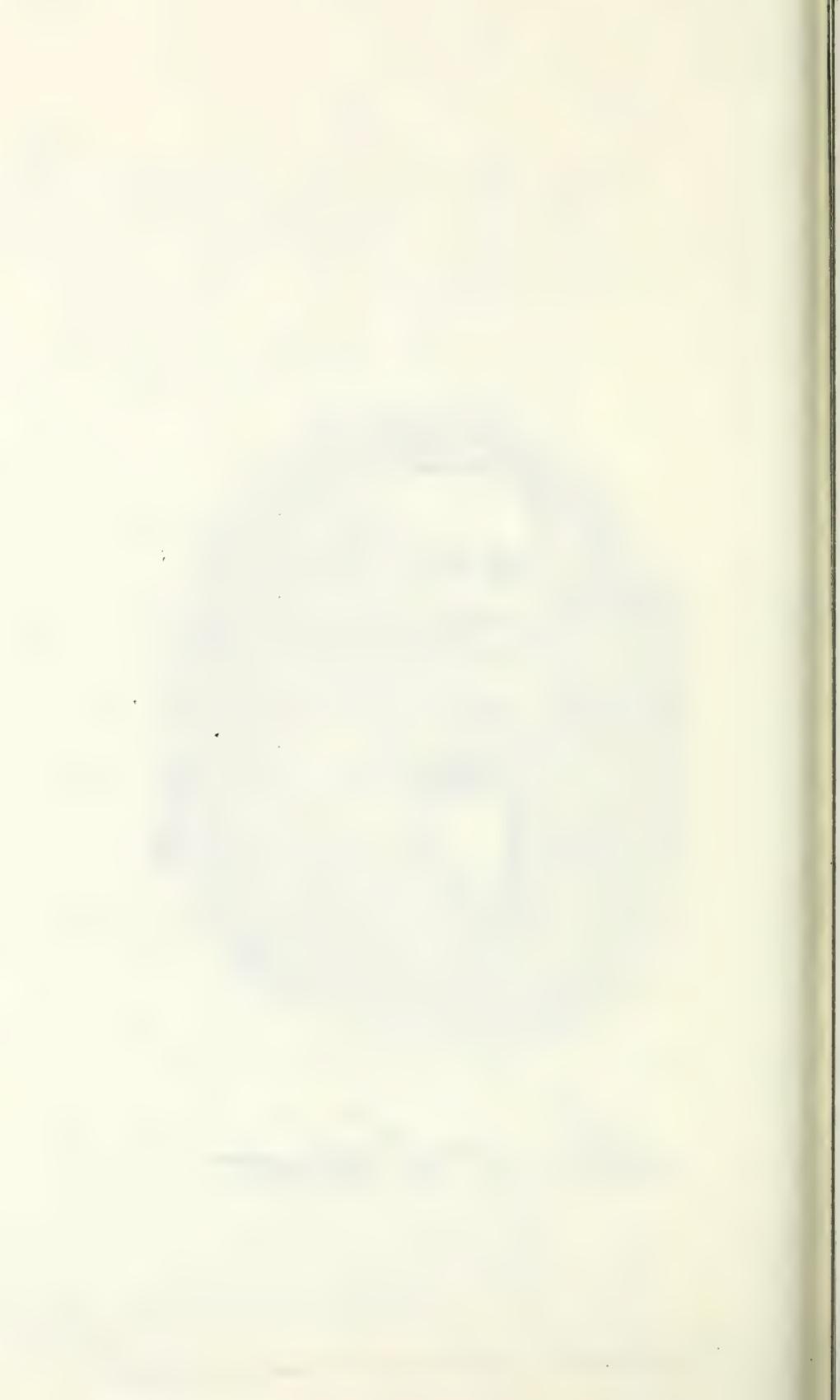


- 16 *Sally*, b. Dec. 22, 1789; m. James Scott; r. Stoddard.  
 17 *Harriet*, b. July 30, 1792; m. William Gray.  
 18 *John*, b. June 20, 1794; m. Susan Mabin, Natchez,  
     Miss.; d. Barre, Mass., March 19, 1836, æ. 44 yrs.  
 19 *Clarissa*, b. Nov. 26, 1795; unm.; d. Sept. 22, 1872,  
     æ. 75 yrs.  
 20 *Nancy*, b. April 20, 1797; m. Samuel Bullard; 2d hus.,  
     — Cobb; now a widow, and blind; r. Hancock.  
 21 *Eliza*, b. June 11, 1799; m. Ahimaz Jewett.  
 22 †*William*, b. Feb. 19, 1801; m. Phylinda Crossfield;  
     2d w., Malinda Ward.  
 23 *Mary*, b. Jan. 5, 1806; m. Charles Fuller; d. Nov. 17,  
     1842, æ. 36 yrs., 10 mos.; ch., (1) Charles L.; (2)  
     Mary Sophia. Both were lost in the war of the Re-  
     bellion. He was a lieutenant in the N. H. Vols., and  
     was killed in the second Bull Run battle, Aug. 30,  
     1862. She, being on her return from a visit to her  
     husband, Col. Charles Scott, was drowned by the col-  
     lision, on the Potomac River, of the "West Point"  
     steamer with the "George Peabody," by which the  
     former boat was sunk and most of the persons on  
     board were drowned, Aug. 13, 1862.  
 24 *Charles*, b. Jan. 26, 1808; d. Oct. 2, 1826, æ. 18 yrs.
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- 4- 15     ISAIAH TAYLOR SCOTT. He was a shoemaker. He  
     m. Hannah Stickney, May 20, 1828. He d. May 5,  
     1858, æ. 63 yrs. She d. —, 1875, æ. 72 yrs.
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- 25 *Mary Ann*, b. June 18, 1829; m. Alonzo Bowers, April  
     12, 1853; c.; r. Waltham, Mass.  
 26 *Alfred*, b. April 2, 1832; d. Jan. 17, 1851, æ. 18 yrs., 9  
     mos.  
 27 *George*, b. July 18, 1833; d. June 8, 1856, æ. 22 yrs., 10  
     mos.  
 28 *Edson*, b. Sept. 28, 1837; d. May 8, 1838, æ. 7 mos.  
 29 *Wallace*, b. Oct. 20, 1746; m., Dec. 13, 1865, Abbie  
     Miller, dau. S. R. Miller; divorced in May, 1872; r.  
     Haverhill, Mass.
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- 6- 22     WILLIAM SCOTT. He succeeded his father on the  
     homestead. He was a worthy and useful man. Any  
     enterprise for the good of society always had his hearty  
     coöperation and support. He was kind-hearted, well-  
     informed, and a live man, and his loss was sincerely and  
     deeply felt. He was universally respected, and the  
     memory of his useful, and unselfish, and disinterested  
     life still freshly survives him. He was cut off in the  
     full maturity of his powers, by a typhoid fever that pre-





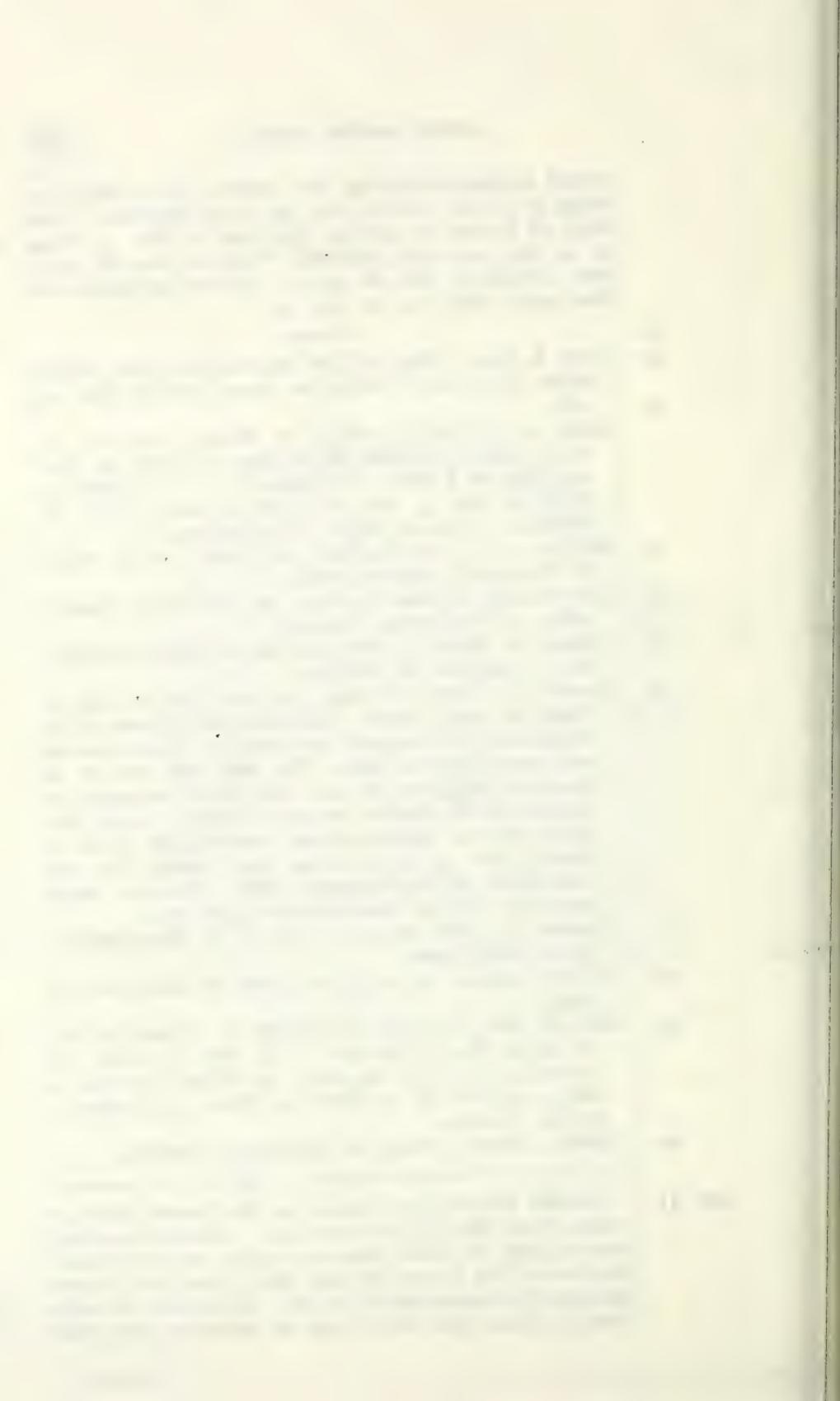
Albert S. Scott



vailed extensively during that season. He d. Sept. 24, 1846, æ. 45 yrs.; he m., Jan. 19, 1823, Phylinda Crossfield, of Keene, b. April 9, 1798; she d. May 23, 1839, æ. 41 yrs.; m., 2d w., Malinda Ward, b. Jan. 18, 1807; she d. Sept. 13, 1862, æ. 55 yrs. He was selectman for five years, 1836, '37, '38, '42, '45.

- 30      *John*, b. June 2, 1823; d. Jan. 19, 1827, æ. 3 yrs., 7 mos.  
 31      †*Albert S.*, b. May 8, 1824; m. Anna Sawyer, Nov. 25,  
       1851.  
 32      *Susan A.*, b. July 4, 1825; m. Robert Orr, Oct. 16,  
       1851; ch., (1) William S., b. Sept. 14, 1853; d. April  
       23, 1854, æ. 7 mos.; (2) Addie P. S., b. March 19,  
       1856; d. Oct. 5, 1863, æ. 7 yrs., 6 mos.; (3) C. W.  
       Wallace, b. Jan. 29, 1858; r. in Corinth, Vt.  
 33      *William H.*, b. July 30, 1826; m., June 1, 1856, Maria  
       D. Farnum, b. June 10, 1825.  
 34      *Sophronia D.*, b. June 25, 1827; m. John Allyn, June 2,  
       1861; r. Washington Territory.  
 35      †*Charles*, b. April 14, 1829; m., 1st w., Mary S. Fuller;  
       2d w., Charlotte M. Wilkins.  
 36      *Kendall C.*, b. April 26, 1830; m., Oct. 9, 1851, Lucy A.  
       Clark, b. May 6, 1830. Editor for many years of the  
       Peterborough *Transcript*, and owner of the book-store  
       and news-depot in town. He sold out and re. to  
       Keene to engage in the sash and blind business; on  
       account of his health he was obliged to retire, and  
       finally, after a long-continued consumption, he d. at  
       Keene, Jan. 3, 1875, æ. 44 yrs., 8 mos. He was  
       town clerk of Peterborough, 1867. He also repre-  
       sented the town of Keene in the Legislature.  
 37      *Phylinda*, b. Oct. 29, 1832; m. S. G. Blanchard; r.  
       Spring Vale, Iowa.  
 38      †*Walter*, b. Sept. 23, 1835; m. Laura M. Day, Oct. 13,  
       1859.  
 39      *Mary*, b. Nov. 11, 1841; m. George H. Clark, b. Oct.  
       15, 1836; ch., (1) George H., b. Nov. 5, 1862; (2)  
       Lucinda S., b. Feb. 22, 1865; (3) Willie E., b. Dec. 4,  
       1867; (4) John B., b. March 21, 1869; (5) Lottie A.,  
       b. Jan. 31, 1870.  
 40      †*John*, b. Sept. 9, 1844; m. Lucinda C. Forbush.

22- 31      ALBERT SMITH SCOTT was b. on the Senter place, so  
       called, where Mrs. Wilcox now lives. When he was four  
       years of age, his father removed to the old homestead,  
       the farm of his father, the late Hon. John Scott, where  
       he spent the remainder of his life. This farm was sub-  
       dued by Hon. John Scott from its primitive state, who



cut down the timber, rolled away the logs, and built the house now standing on the same.

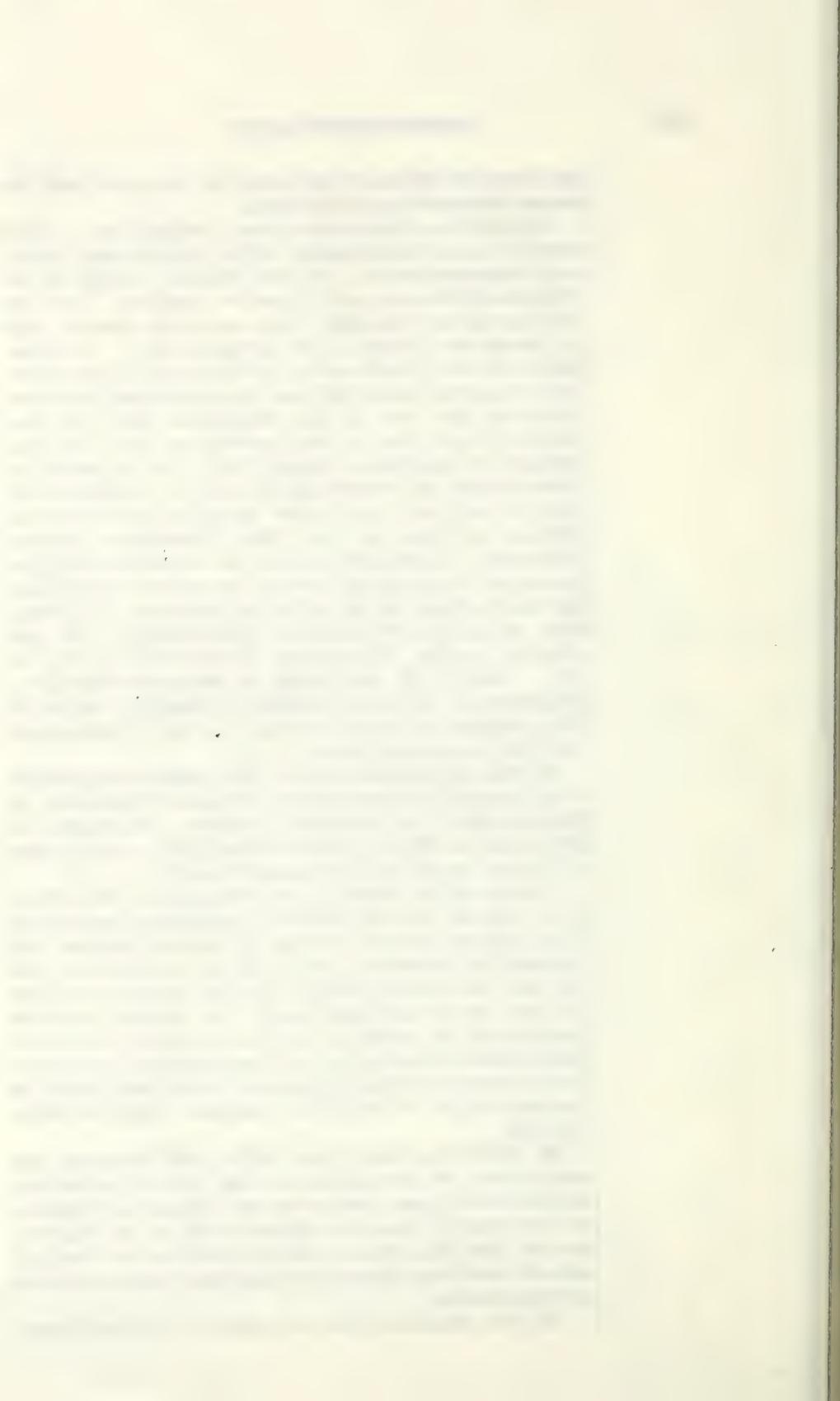
Mr. Scott's earliest attendance at school was in District No. 9, and subsequently at the Peterborough Academy for several terms. He was fitted for college at the "Hancock Literary and Scientific Institute," and the Phillips (Exeter) Academy, and entered the class of 1848 in Dartmouth College, in the spring of 1845. In consequence of his limited means, and the death of his father, which occurred about this time, he was obliged to leave college at the close of his Sophomore year, and was employed for a time as assistant-teacher under Horace Morison, in Baltimore College, Md. On his return to Peterborough he commenced the study of medicine with Prof. Albert Smith, and after attending one course of Medical Lectures at the "New Hampshire Medical Institution," Dartmouth College, he abandoned the profession as not congenial to his tastes, and commenced the study of law in the office of Dearborn & Cheney, then practising attorneys in Peterborough. He was admitted to the Hillsborough County bar, N. H., in 1859. During all this period of his preparation for a profession, he supported himself by teaching, and while thus engaged he was principal in the Peterborough Academy for several years.

He was an excellent teacher, and aided many individuals, through his thorough and systematic instruction, to become useful and successful teachers. He taught his first school in Wilton, before he was fifteen years of age, at \$12 per month, and "boarded round."

It must not be omitted to mention that at this period of his life, he had an attack of *haemoptysis*, from which, by a judicious use of cod-liver oil, proper exercise and regimen, he recovered; but never to a state that gave him sure and perfect health. He has always to be careful, both as to body and mind. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Peterborough, soon after being admitted to the bar, and has continued in the profession since, with the exception of three years, when he became cashier of the First National Bank, in Peterborough.

He served for many years, with great efficiency and acceptance, on the superintending school committee, and rendered great service to the educational interests of the town; he also did efficient work in the organization of the high school, and as chairman of the high school committee, during the first two years succeeding its organization.

He now stands at the very head of his profession,



and has a brilliant future of success, if his health will permit.

He represented the town in the years 1855, '57, and 1866, '67, and was elected Councillor for his district in 1875, '76. The degree of A.M. was conferred on him by Dartmouth College, 1868.

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- 41      *Charles A.*, b. June 9, 1855; d. Sept. 9, 1855, æ. 3 mos.  
 42      *William A.*, b. Dec. 8, 1856.  
 43      *Edward W.*, b. July 22, 1861.
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22- 35    CHARLES SCOTT (Col.). He has always resided in town. He was Lieut.-Colonel in the Sixth Reg., N. H. Vols., and did some service early in the war, but in consequence of the failure of his health he was obliged to resign. He was appointed high-sheriff for the County of Hillsborough, July, 1865, and held the office till 1874, when the Democrats attained the accession of power in the State. He was reappointed to same office again in June, 1876, which he now holds. He has been many years moderator in town, for 1860, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76. He m., 1st w., July 25, 1848, Mary S. Fuller, dau. Charles and Mary Scott Fuller. She was drowned on board "West Point" steamer, on River Potomac, Aug. 13, 1862; m., 2d w., Charlotte M. Wilkins, Sept. 7, 1863; 1st w., two ch.; 2d w., two ch.

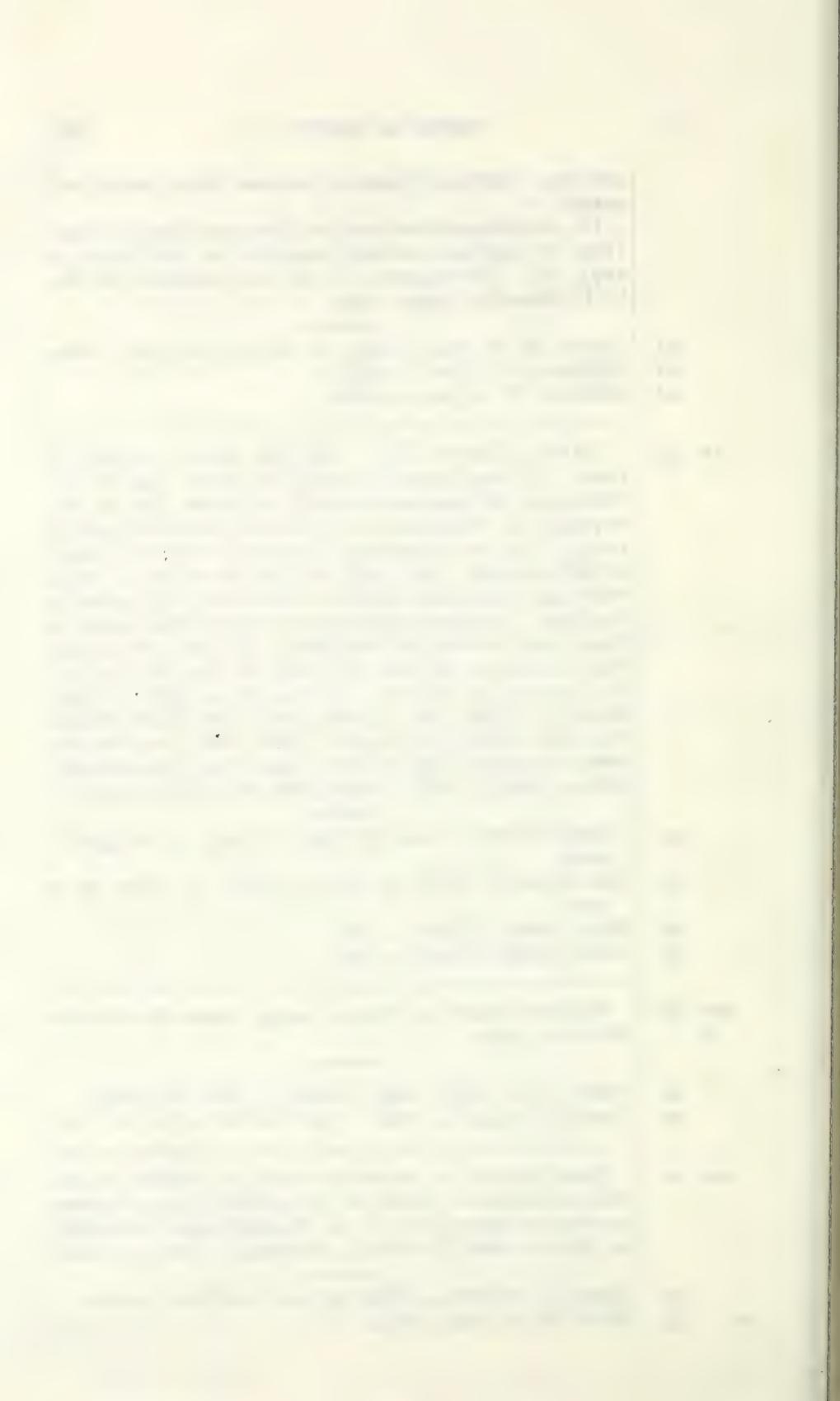
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- 44      *Charles Albert*, b. Jan. 17, 1854; d. Aug. 17, 1854, æ. 7 mos.  
 45      *Ella Sophia*, b. July 19, 1857; d. Oct. 19, 1857, æ. 3 mos.  
 46      *Mary Luena*, b. May 13, 1865.  
 47      *Katie Sophia*, b. July 2, 1870.
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22- 38    WALTER SCOTT m., Oct. 1, 1859, Laura M. Day, b. March 17, 1841.

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- 48      *Laura E.*, b. July 7, 1861; d. Oct. 5, 1861, æ. 3 mos.  
 49      *Freddie*, b. Aug. 21, 1862. (50) *Charles*, b. July 1, 1864.
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22- 40    JOHN SCOTT is a printer by trade; a member of the firm of Farnum & Scott, in job printing, &c., in town; also one of the editors of the Peterborough *Transcript*; m., May 1, 1866, Lucinda A. Forbush, b. June 26, 1846.

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- 51      *Harry F.*, b. Nov. 2, 1869; d. Jan. 1, 1870, æ. 2 mos.  
 52      *Mabel M.*, b. Aug. 1, 1872.



## THE SENTER FAMILY.

**I** GEORGE W. SENTER came to Peterborough in 1817. When he first came to town he was engaged in trade at the South Factory Village, but subsequently in manufacturing at the North Cotton Factory, and still later he became a mail-contractor, and was extensively engaged in staging. He obtained the mail-contract that for the first time secured to the town a regular and permanent stage-route to Keene, and a frequent mail. He was selectman for 1832, '33. He m. Mary Steele, dau. of Gen. John Steele, Aug. 23, 1821. He was b. May 20, 1790, and d. Sept. 6, 1850, æ. 60 yrs.

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- 2** *George*, b. Nov. 3, 1822; r. California.  
**3** *John*, b. Dec. 15, 1823; r. Eagle River, Lake Superior.  
**4** *Henry*, b. Jan. 25, 1825; r. St. Louis, Mo.  
**5** *Mary Antoinette*, b. Sept. 7, 1829; m. Samuel Mandlebaum; one ch., Mary; r. Detroit, Mich.  
**6** *Albert W.*, b. April 8, 1832; d. Dec. 13, 1865, æ. 33 yrs.

## THE SHEDD FAMILY.

**I** GEORGE SHEDD was b. in Billerica, Mass., Feb. 2, 1777, and d. in Peterborough, Oct. 30, 1855, æ. 78 yrs. He m. Alice Sawyer, dau. Josiah Sawyer, of Sharon, Nov. 26, 1801; she d. Sept. 4, 1849, æ. 68 yrs. He came to town in 1806, or '7. His parents re. from Billerica to Sharon not far from 1790. After his marriage he moved to Stockbridge, Vt., and from thence to Peterborough, in 1807 or '8, and bought the farm which George Shedd, Jr., now occupies, and remained till a few years before the close of his life, when he sold the farm, and lived with his children.

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- 2** *Sullivan*, b. Aug. 18, 1803; m., Dec. 10, 1833, Phebe S. Dodge, of Stoddard.  
**3** *Alice*, b. June 3, 1805; d. Oct. 17, 1806, æ. 1 yr., 4 mos.  
**4** *John D.*, b. July 20, 1807; d. October, 1871, æ. 64 yrs.; r. Jamestown, N. Y.  
**5** *Alice*, b. March 27, 1810; m., March 1, 1832, Joseph McCoy; d. Aug. 9, 1849, æ. 39 yrs.  
**6** *Hannah*, b. July 14, 1811; m. Samuel Ryan; r. East Jaffrey.  
**7** †*George, Jr.*, b. Nov. 4, 1812; m. Mary Dodge, of Stoddard.  
**8** *Mary*, b. April 3, 1814; d. April 14, 1817, æ. 3 yrs.  
**9** *Phylinda F.*, b. May 23, 1817; m. James Taggart; r. Winchendon, Mass.

WILSON, WALTER

- 10 | †*Daniel*, b. April 25, 1826; m. Jane M. Nelson, Sept. 20, 1848.
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- 1- 7 | GEORGE SHEDD, Jr. He lives on the homestead; is a farmer; m. Mary Dodge, of Stoddard, March 28, 1837, b. Nov. 24, 1812. She d. Sept. 26, 1875, æ. 62 yrs., 10 mos.
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- 11 | *Mary Jane*, b. March 14, 1838; m. Henry Nay, Feb. 26, 1857. She d. March 6, 1867, æ. 28 yrs., 11 mos. He d. Aug. 27, 1858, æ. 26 yrs.
- 12 | *Ellen*, b. Aug. 23, 1840; d. Aug. 27, 1842, æ. 2 yrs.
- 13 | *Jerome B.*, b. Nov. 17, 1844; d. July 16, 1845, æ. 8 mos.
- 14 | *Francis J.*, b. Jan. 30, 1847; m., Oct. 9, 1870, Sarah J. Preston, b. April 14, 1844; two ch.
- 15 | *Albert G.*; b. July 29, 1852; m. — Gould.
- 16 | *Jerome B.*, b. Oct. 27, 1854.
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- 1- 10 | DANIEL SHEDD m. Jane M. Nelson, dau. Paul Nelson, Sept. 20, 1848, b. May 28, 1829. He lives in the village, and has been much engaged in the beef business.
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- 17 | *Clara A.*, b. Aug. 1, 1851; m. William Dane, Nov. 28, 1872.
- 18 | *Alice M.*, b. Sept. 8, 1854; m. John A. Peasley, September, 1872; r. Fitchburg, Mass.
- 19 | *Hannah J.*, b. Feb. 14, 1856; d. Jan. 18, 1874, æ. 17 yrs., 11 mos.
- 20 | *Helen S.*, b. May 12, 1858; m., 1876, Frederick G. Robbe.
- 21 | *Lena M.*, b. Dec. 10, 1869.
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### THE SMILEY FAMILY.

- 1 | DAVID SMILEY (DR.). The following extract is from the history of Haverhill, Mass.:—  
 “Dr. David Smiley was born in Haverhill, Mass., April 10, 1760; at an early age, he was bound an apprentice to a Mr. Hale in this town, a shoemaker. He continued to work with his master till his seventeenth year, when he enlisted in the American army. He was stationed at Winter Hill for three months, the period of his enlistment, when he returned home. He afterward enlisted again, and was at Stillwater, West Point, and in New Jersey. He was finally placed in command of a small guard on Fishkill Mountains, where he remained until his term of service expired. He returned to Haverhill, and walked, in company with five others, sixty miles in one day, and spent the greater part of his wages, in the depreciated currency of the

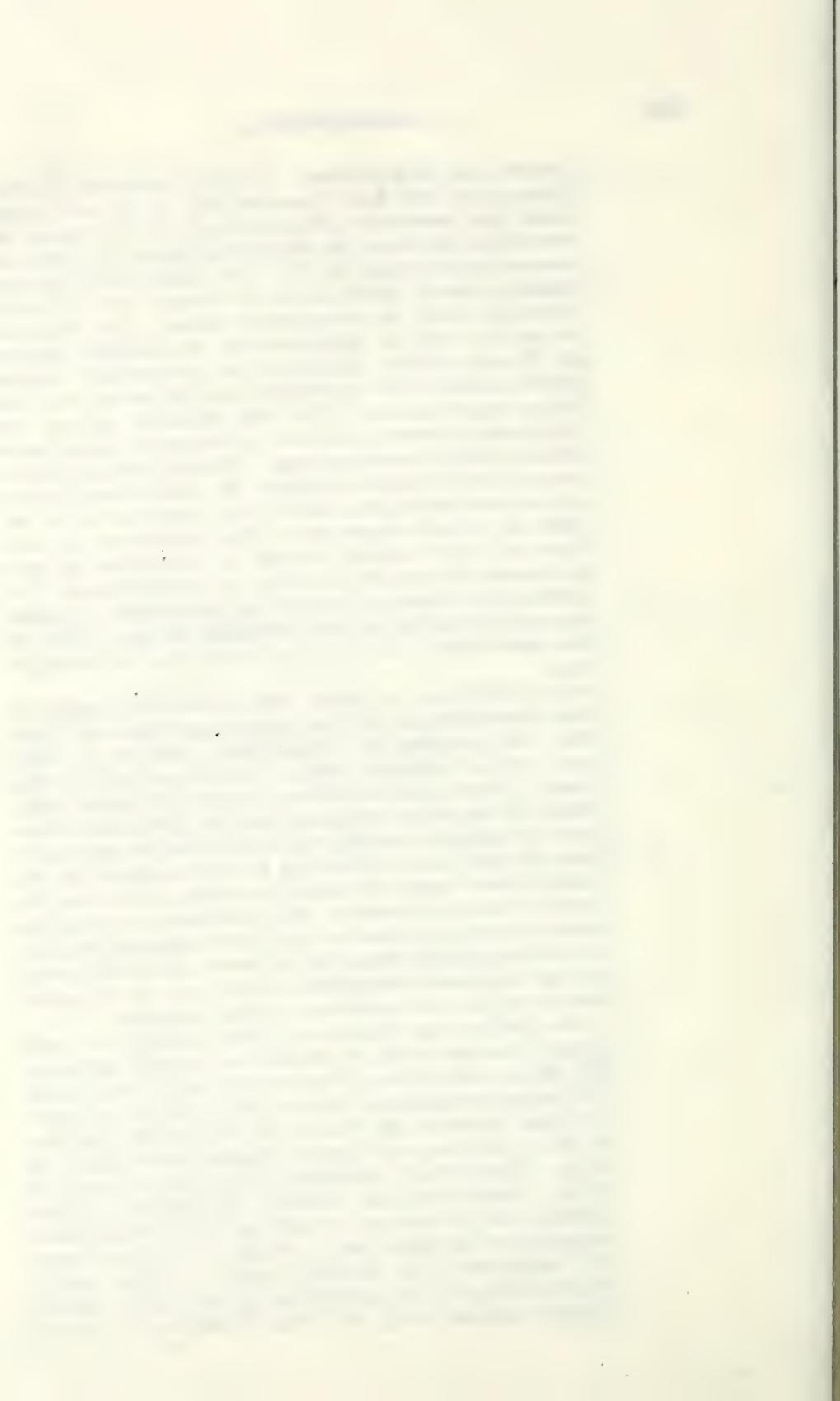


country, for his day's food. In 1782, he married Rachel Johnson, of the East Parish of this town, and in the same year removed to Peterborough, N. H., where he worked at his trade for about two years. In 1784, he removed to Alstead, N. H. Two years later, he purchased a small farm in the north-east part of Peterborough, where he immediately moved. In 1793, he began the study of medicine with Dr. Stephen Jewett, of Rindge, N. H. His practice commenced almost simultaneously with his studies, and for many years he had a large practice. His ride extended into all the neighboring towns, and not unfrequently into more distant towns in other counties. Though not a regularly educated physician, he enjoyed the confidence of many of the most intelligent families, and commanded the respect of all who knew him. He resided on his own farm until the death of his wife in 1842, when he went to live with his son in the village of the same town. He gave up the laborious duties of his profession only when compelled to do so by the infirmities of age. He d. at the same place, Oct. 3, 1855, æ. 95 yrs., and nearly 6 mos."

Dr. Smiley was a Baptist, and a licensed preacher of that denomination, and an earnest and devoted Christian. He preached in Bennington a number of years, and also, at different times, in Hillsboro and in this town. He was a conscientious, worthy, and useful man. From his imperfect education and the difficulties of acquiring medical knowledge in those times, he was never able to take such a standing in the profession as his talents would seem to have warranted; or it may be that his attempt to sustain two professions at once rendered success in either of them an impossibility. He was always highly respected in town. He was present at the centennial celebration of the town in 1839, and was one of the vice-presidents on that occasion.

Dr. Smiley was the son of John Smiley, who emigrated from the north of Ireland and settled in Haverhill, Mass., and d. there, Nov. 12, 1774, æ. 54 yrs., 3 mos. He had nine children, of whom David was the eighth.

Rachel Johnson, the wife of Dr. Smiley, was the dau. of Elias Johnson, of English descent, who was b. in 1734. Her mother, Elizabeth Bixby, was b. April 17, 1738. Rachel was the oldest of six children. Olive Johnson, her sister, unm., b. Sept. 29, 1767, lived in Peterborough, and d. here, Jan. 5, 1845, æ. 77 yrs., 3 mos. Dr. Smiley was b. in Haverhill, April 10, 1760, and d. in Peterborough, Oct. 3, 1855, æ. 95 yrs., 5 mos. He m. Rachel Johnson, Aug. 22, 1782, b. May 22, 1761; d.



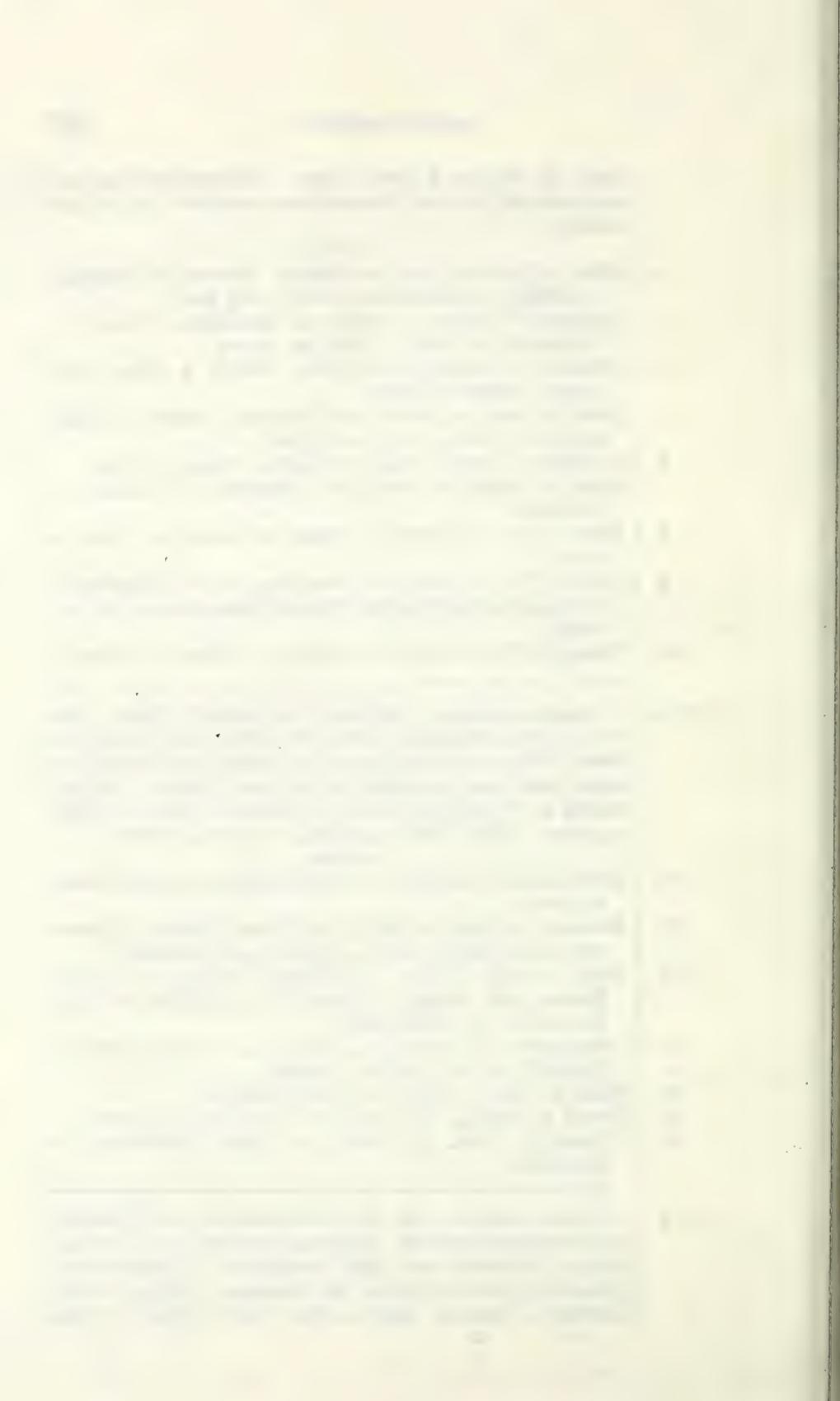
Sept. 24, 1842, æ. 81 yrs., 4 mos. He received the pension awarded to the Revolutionary soldiers by the government.

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- 2 *Elias*, b. July 10, 1783; m. Betsey Bowers, of Rindge; r. Jaffrey; d. November, 1866, æ. 83 yrs.  
 3 *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 7, 1785; m. Benjamin Skinner; r. Wakefield; d. Feb. 1, 1826, æ. 41 yrs.  
 4 †*Francis*, b. Sept. 9, 1787; m., March 4, 1810, Sally Ames, Andover, Mass.  
 5 *John*, b. Dec. 14, 1789; m. Priscilla Chase; r. Wakefield; d. June 4, 1853, æ. 63 yrs.  
 6 *William*, b. June 6, 1792; d. July 4, 1792, æ. 1 mo.  
 7 *Mary*, b. Sept. 21, 1793; m. Benjamin V. Miller; r. Nashua.  
 8 *Ruth*, b. Oct. 12, 1798; d. Sept. 6, 1800, æ. 1 yr., 11 mos.  
 9 †*David, Jr.*, b. Dec. 28, 1800; m., 1st w., Harriet C. Farnum; 2d w., Harriet Page, of Manchester, July 14, 1867.  
 10 *James*, b. Dec. 13, 1802; d. Dec. 31, 1802, æ. 18 dys.
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I- 4 FRANCIS SMILEY. He was a carpenter by trade. He lived in the north-east part of the town, east of the Andrew Miller place, and near his father's residence, the same farm now occupied by his son James. He m., March 4, 1810, Sally Ames, of Andover, Mass., b. Aug. 14, 1790. He d. Feb. 19, 1867, æ. 79 yrs., 5 mos.

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- 11 *John*, b. May 14, 1811; m. Lydia Ham, of Great Falls; r. Lowell.  
 12 *Elizabeth*, b. May 22, 1813; m. Robert Hovey; r. Swanzey; ch. living, I. Ida J., Ruth C., and Emma J.  
 13 *Sally*, b. April 2, 1815; m. William Parker, Jr.; r. New Boston; ch. living, (1) Sarah M.; (2) Ellen M.; (3) Laura R.; (4) Hermon H.  
 14 †*Benjamin F.*, b. April 21, 1819; m., 1st w., Mary L. Howard; 2d w., Martha Kidder.  
 15 *Ruth*, b. Dec. 4, 1823; m. Hiram McCoy.  
 16 *David*, b. Sept. 9, 1827; d. Oct. 10, 1852, æ. 25 yrs.  
 17 †*James*, b. Nov. 15, 1829; m. Abby Woodward, of Marlboro.
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I- 9 DAVID SMILEY. He is a watch-maker and jeweller, and has carried on this business over forty years in this village. His skill and great mechanical ingenuity have given him great success in his business. He m., 1st w., Harriet C. Farnum, Sept. 2, 1826; she d. May 1, 1864,



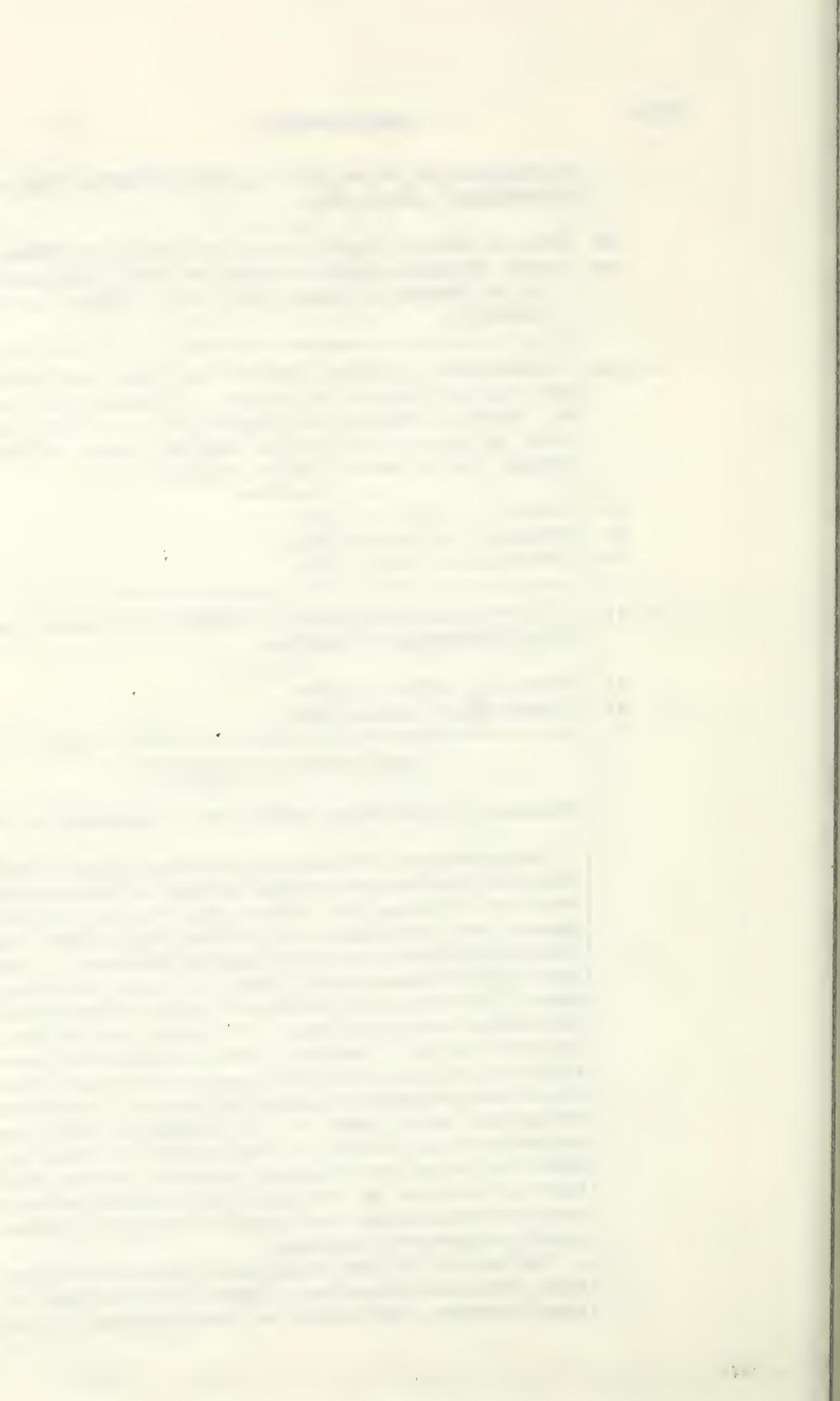
- æ. 61 yrs.; m., 2d w., July 14, 1867, Harriet Page, of Manchester; she d. 1875.
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- 18 *Harriet Maria*, b. April 7, 1830; m. George W. Wilson.  
19 *Sarah Almira*, b. March 2, 1840; m. John G. Leonard,  
Jr., of Boston; r. Bangor, Me.; ch., (1) Mary E.; (2)  
Hattie F.
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- 4- 14 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SMILEY. He owns and occupies the old farm of Dr. Smiley. A farmer. M., 1st w., Mary L. Howard, of Jamaica, Vt.; d. Nov. 21, 1864, æ. 39 yrs.; m., 2d w., Martha Kidder, of New Boston; 1st w., two ch.; 2d w., one ch.
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- 20 *Sarah A.*, b. Jan. 21, 1855.  
21 *Melissa E.*, b. Dec. 22, 1859.  
22 *Johnnie F.*, b. Feb. 9, 1867.
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- 4- 17 JAMES SMILEY succeeded his father; is a farmer; m. Abby Woodward, of Marlboro.
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- 23 *Emma N.*, b. Dec. 14, 1861.  
24 *Charlie W.*, b. June 4, 1868.

#### THE SMITH FAMILY.

##### MEMORIAL OF THE SMITH FAMILY, BY J. H. MORISON, D. D.

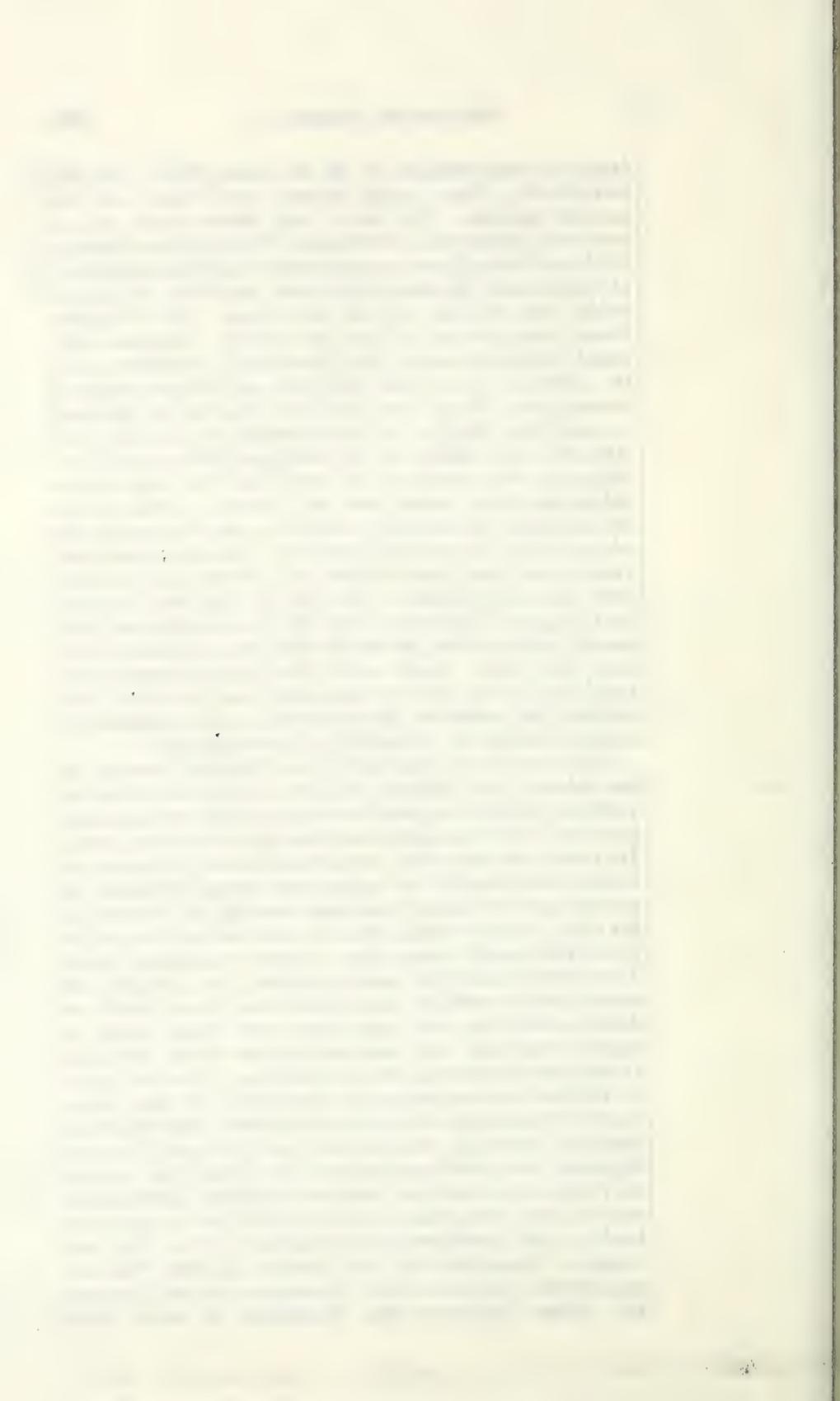
During the first and second generations after the settlement of the town, the leading families in Peterborough were the Davisons, the Robbes, the Moores, the Fergusons, the Cuninghamhs, the Steeles, the Wilsons, the Millers, the Scotts, the Smiths, and the Morisons. I can speak only of those whom I happen to know something about. The three most prominent families, in the second generation, were, undoubtedly, the Steeles, the Wilsons, and the Smiths. They were closely connected by marriage, but had their social rivalships, and often took different sides in the public questions of the day. There were strong men among them, and the debates, so vividly described by Gen. Wilson, in front of the old meeting-house and at the town meetings, furnished a useful stimulus and exercise for the youths who listened to them, and who learned from them valuable lessons of wisdom as well as the use of language.

The sons of William Smith were all men of uncommon mind and character. Robert, the first-born of many brethren, died before my remembrance. In the



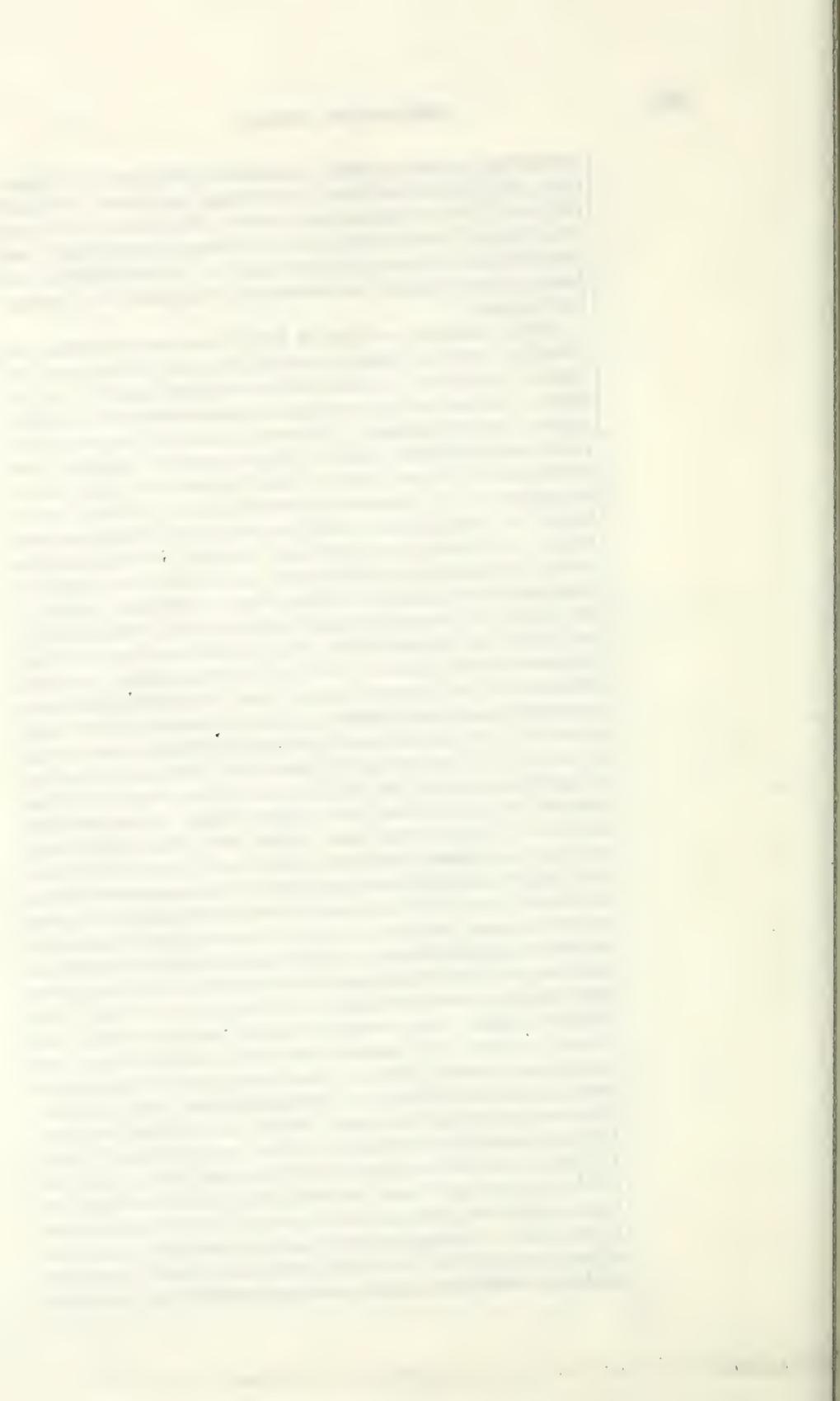
family, he was thought to be the least gifted. His letters which I have read showed good sense and an earnest purpose. He was a very devout man, and at one time proposed to become a Presbyterian minister. Of his children, Jesse was a most able and accomplished physician, and his early death was regarded as a great public loss to the city of Cincinnati. His daughter Fanny was a woman of decided ability. She was a devoted Calvinist, and in her theological encounters with the ablest of her uncles, they did not always come off triumphant. When I was a child of nine or ten, she used to walk from Rindge to Peterborough, on Saturdays, to take the entire charge of two Sunday-schools, one in the village at the centre of the town, and the other in an old, uninhabited house near my father's. I was one of her scholars, and recited to her from memory nearly the whole of the Gospel of Matthew. Her devotional services, when she kneeled down and prayed in the school, were very impressive. She did, in this way, a great deal of good. Wherever she was, she endeavored, and usually with success, to induce the people around her to study the Bible. Later in life, she became deeply interested in the anti-slavery movement, and I cannot read without deep emotion the remarkable and prophetic inscription which she prepared for her monument.

John Smith was regarded by his brother Jeremiah as the ablest of his father's children. He was a man of vast proportions,—great in body, in voice, in mind, and in heart. He was usually overflowing with wit and mirth. He could not bear with any unreasonable pretension or conceit, and was full of expedients to put it down. A young man at a public place was boasting of the speed of his colt. Squire Smith told him that he had a pair of steers that would outrun him. A race was agreed upon. The animals were got ready to start. As a signal for starting a dry cowhide was rattled near them, which so disconcerted the colt, and drove the steers away so rapidly, that the colt was entirely distanced, amid the shouts and laughter of the by-standers. Practical jokes of this sort not unfrequently contributed to the merriment of those days, when log-rolling bees, house-raisings, huskings, trainings, brought the young men of the town together, and gave them some little variety and relaxation amid their hard and continuous labors. John Smith entered into these things with the hilarity of a strong and healthy child overflowing with animal spirits. He was a man of boundless wit and humor. A joke was not spoiled for relation's sake. He was an earnest Federalist. When Jefferson was President, at some large



gathering he met a family connection who was a Democrat, and who asked him if there was any news. "Yes," he said, "very important news. The President has established a new office here in Peterborough, and has decided to put you at the head of it. I understand that he is going to make you keeper of the geese in Cunningham's pond."

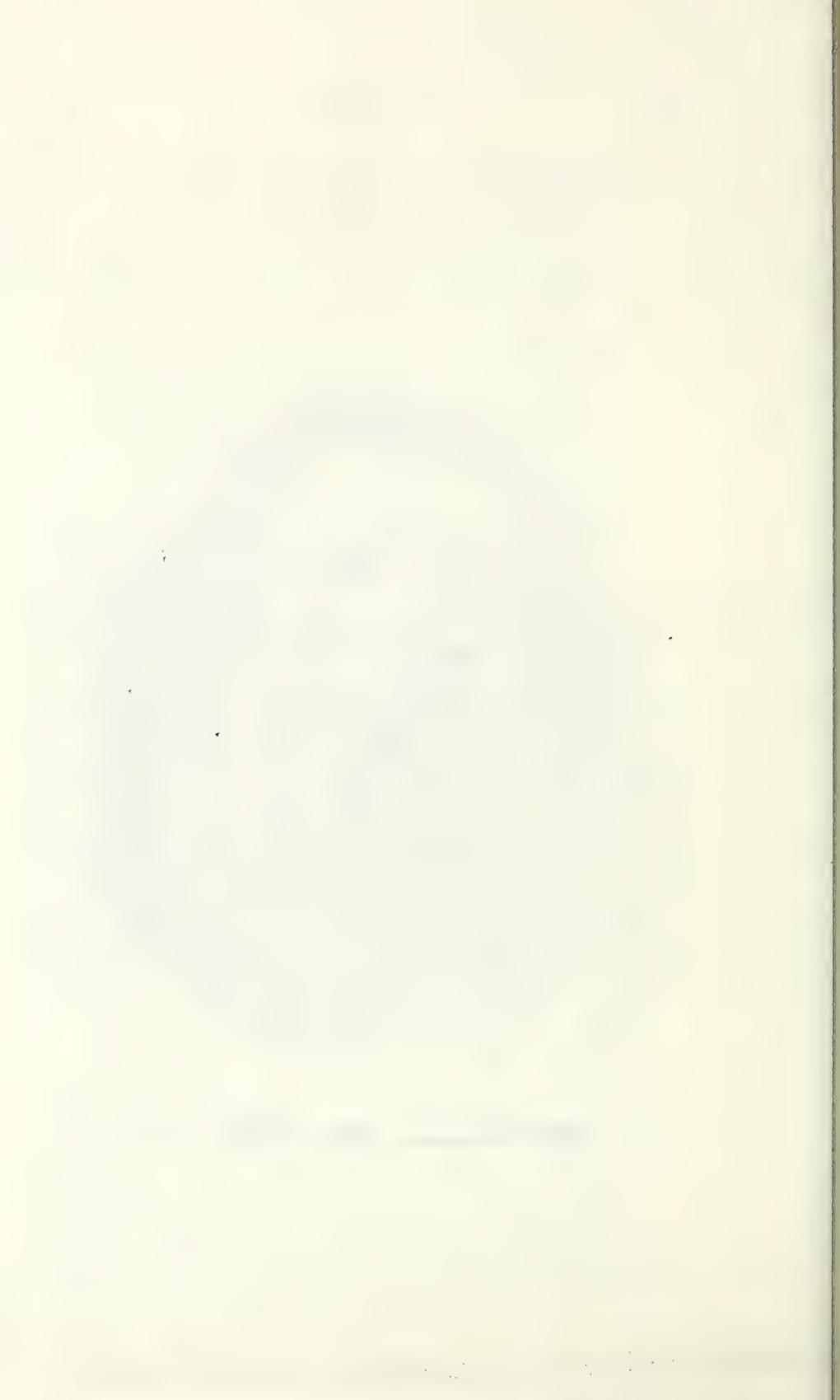
Much, however, as Squire John (that was the name he went by) loved a joke, it would be doing him great injustice to speak of that as the leading quality of his mind. It was only the natural effervescence of a great, joyous, healthy nature. He was a man of generous impulses and a tender heart. His whole soul reached out towards a child, and folded itself round him like the atmosphere of a pleasant summer's day. I shall never forget the kindliness of his greeting to me in my earliest years. If there was something terrible in his denunciation of meanness or dishonesty, his severity was entirely disarmed by suffering or misfortune. For many years he held some of the most important offices in Peterborough, and, with or without office, he always exercised a great influence in the town. He had a commanding personal presence. He dressed in the plain, homespun garments common among our farmers. But no one could meet him, even for a few minutes, without feeling that he was a man of power. There probably never was a deeper sensation of grief among all the inhabitants of the town than was caused by his sudden and violent death, in the summer of 1821. His oldest son, John, who died while still young, was greatly beloved. He had a beautiful voice, and led the singing in the church. His countenance was as beautiful as his voice, and gave the impression of great sweetness and purity of heart. I never have been more moved by sacred music, or felt more strongly its power to awaken the best emotions of our nature, than during the time when he was the leader of the church choir. His brother Robert was a man of talent and of a large and liberal nature. He studied the law, I think, rather late in life, and served three or more terms in Congress, as a member of the House of Representatives from Illinois. His two remaining brothers, James and William, successful and beneficent merchants in St. Louis, are still living. Of the three sisters, Louisa only is now living. Harriet died very young. Jane, the wife of John Cavender, deserves, with her husband, a longer and better notice than I can give. During the latter part of their lives their one object seemed to be to do good, and their days were probably shortened by the exertions which they made for





6 St. Paul's Church Boston

Lemuel Smith



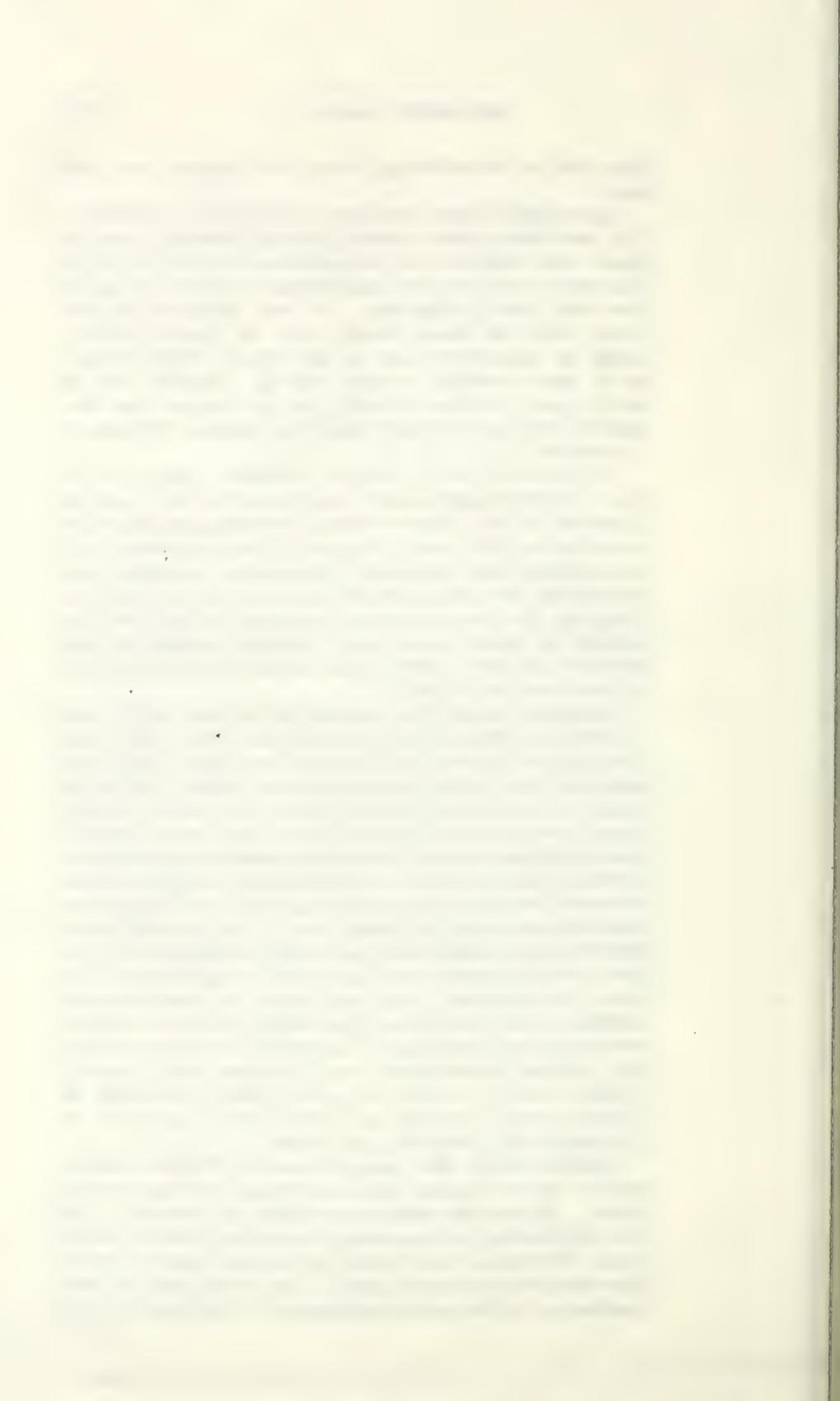
the relief of the suffering in the dark days of our civil war.

James Smith, who spent most of his life in Cavendish, Vt., was also a man of mark, holding always a post of honor and influence in the community where he lived. He was a man of clear intellectual convictions, and of the most kindly affections. He was happy in his children. One of them, Sarah, wife of James Walker, filled an important place in the town of Peterborough, as a most unselfish woman, taking a leading part in every good word and work. In this respect she was said to be like her only surviving brother, William, of Cavendish.

Of Jeremiah Smith, lawyer, Governor, Judge of the U. S. District Court, and Chief-Judge of the Superior Court of N. H., I have written elsewhere, and therefore need say but little here. He would have been recognized as a leading man anywhere. As a wit or a scholar, as a statesman or a jurist, as an advocate at the bar or a judge on the bench, as a genial companion or a brilliant talker, he would have been received, indeed he was received, as their peer by the ablest and most accomplished men in the land.

Jonathan Smith, the deacon, as he was called, was a modest, clear-headed, upright man, who read, and thought, and formed his opinions for himself, and lived and died true to his own convictions, finding his happiness in faithful and devout living. He was a leading man in the town, and in the discussions before the old meeting-house, but not to the same extent as his brothers, John and Samuel, were. His oldest son, Jonathan, was an eminent lawyer in the northern part of New Hampshire, and died while still a young man. His son William, a man of great intelligence and widely-extended information, lived for many years and died in the State of Illinois. His brother John still lives in Peterborough, holding in the church the office which his father held so modestly and blamelessly. Jeremiah lives in La Harpe, Ill. Of the three sisters, one, Charlotte, died in early youth; Nancy m. Dr. John H. Foster, and lives in Chicago; and Caroline m. James Reynolds, and d. at La Harpe, Ill., July, 1875, æ. 63 yrs.

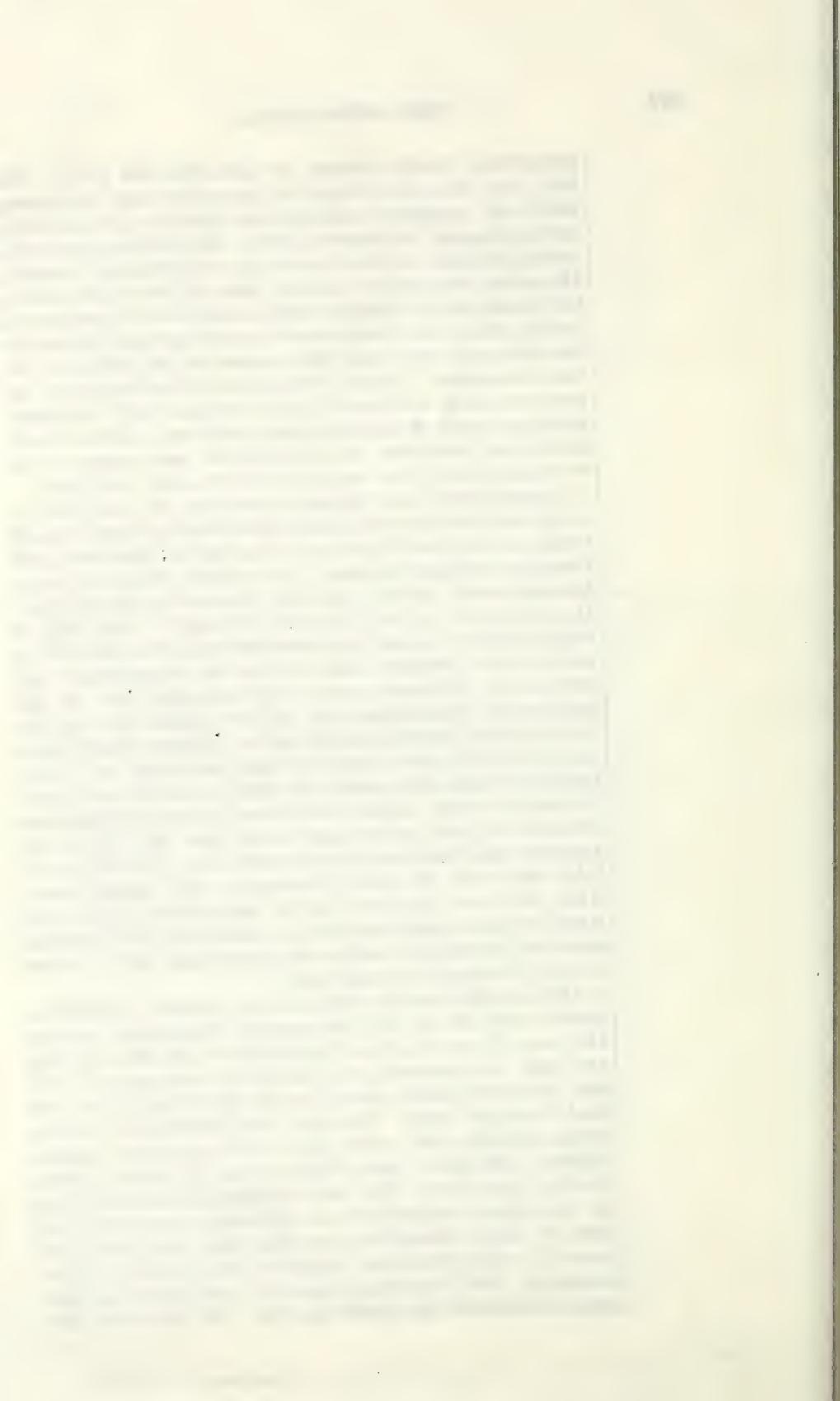
Samuel Smith, the youngest son of William Smith, was, in some respects, the most remarkable man among them. He was the most enterprising of them all. He had the bearing and manners of an accomplished gentleman. He would have been anywhere a man of mark. He was born to take the lead. For many years he was moderator in the town meetings, and the choice of the



people was hardly needed to give him the place. He early saw the advantages for manufacturing purposes, which its superior water-powers gave to our locality, and set himself to improve them. He built a paper-mill, which was the admiration of the neighboring country. His store became the central point of the town, taking the place which Wilson's tavern had held a generation before, where the people were drawn together informally for animated talks and the discussion of public or private measures. When he was not present himself his part was ably sustained by his cousin, Polly Morison, who took care of the store, and who was quite a match in wit and swiftness of repartee for any persons who were bold enough to measure their strength with hers.

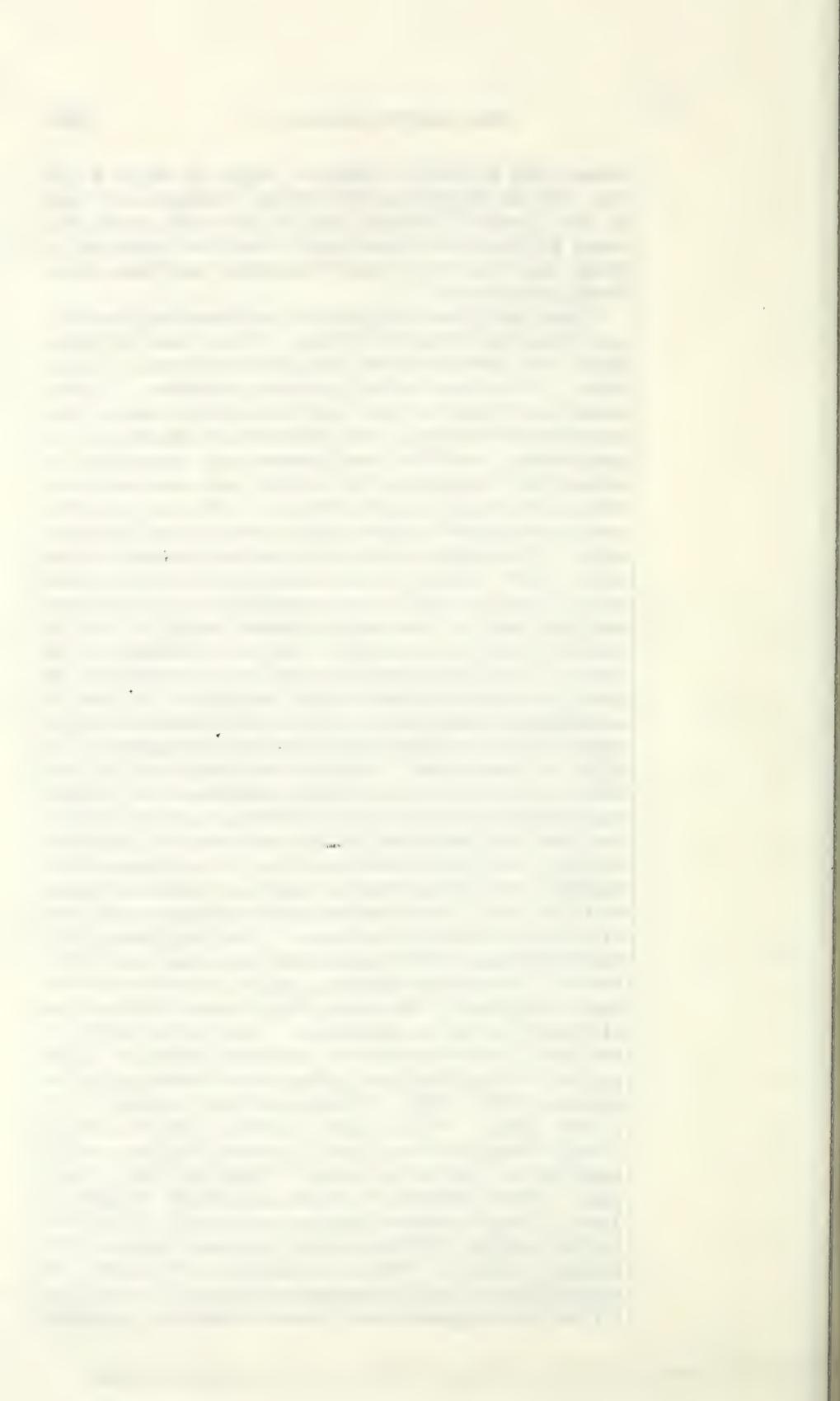
Samuel Smith was chosen a member of Congress in 1813, and would undoubtedly have distinguished himself there, but he could not leave his private business, and therefore resigned his seat. It is rightly inscribed upon his monument that he was "the founder of this village." It used to be called "Smith's Village." And well it might be, for his was the enterprise and the controlling mind which prepared the way for its enlargement and prosperity. His enthusiasm and strength gave an impulse to the whole town, and did not a little to keep the minds of the people awake, and to increase their material prosperity, while nothing that was mean or underhanded or dishonest could ever find a shelter near him. He failed at last, not so much from lack of judgment as because he had undertaken more than his limited resources would enable him to carry out. He felt painfully the want of active enterprise and employment. They who saw him only in his latter days could, from what they saw then, form no conception of the dignified, animated, energetic leader who once had such a commanding influence among men.

His son, Frederick, who died at an early age, was a young man of a very uncommon mechanical genius. His son, Jeremiah, was distinguished for his rapidity and skill as a penman and mercantile accountant. He was for many years a merchant in New York City, and died there in 1860. The third son, Samuel G., had a great aptitude and taste for mechanics and natural science. He was a man without guile, of a most genial, kindly disposition. He was engaged in manufacturing, as the agent, successively, in different companies, and died in 1842. Hamilton, the fifth son, was considered one of the brightest and happiest young men in Peterborough. But ill-health prematurely weakened his energies, and caused his death in 1858. Of the other sons,



Albert only is living. Sidney d. Sept. 26, 1875, æ. 72 yrs. Of the daughters, the oldest, Elizabeth, the wife of Rev. Levi W. Leonard, D.D., d. in 1848, greatly beloved by those who knew her. Mary died while yet a child, and two, Mrs. Sarah Blanchard and Mrs. Ellen Smith, yet survive.

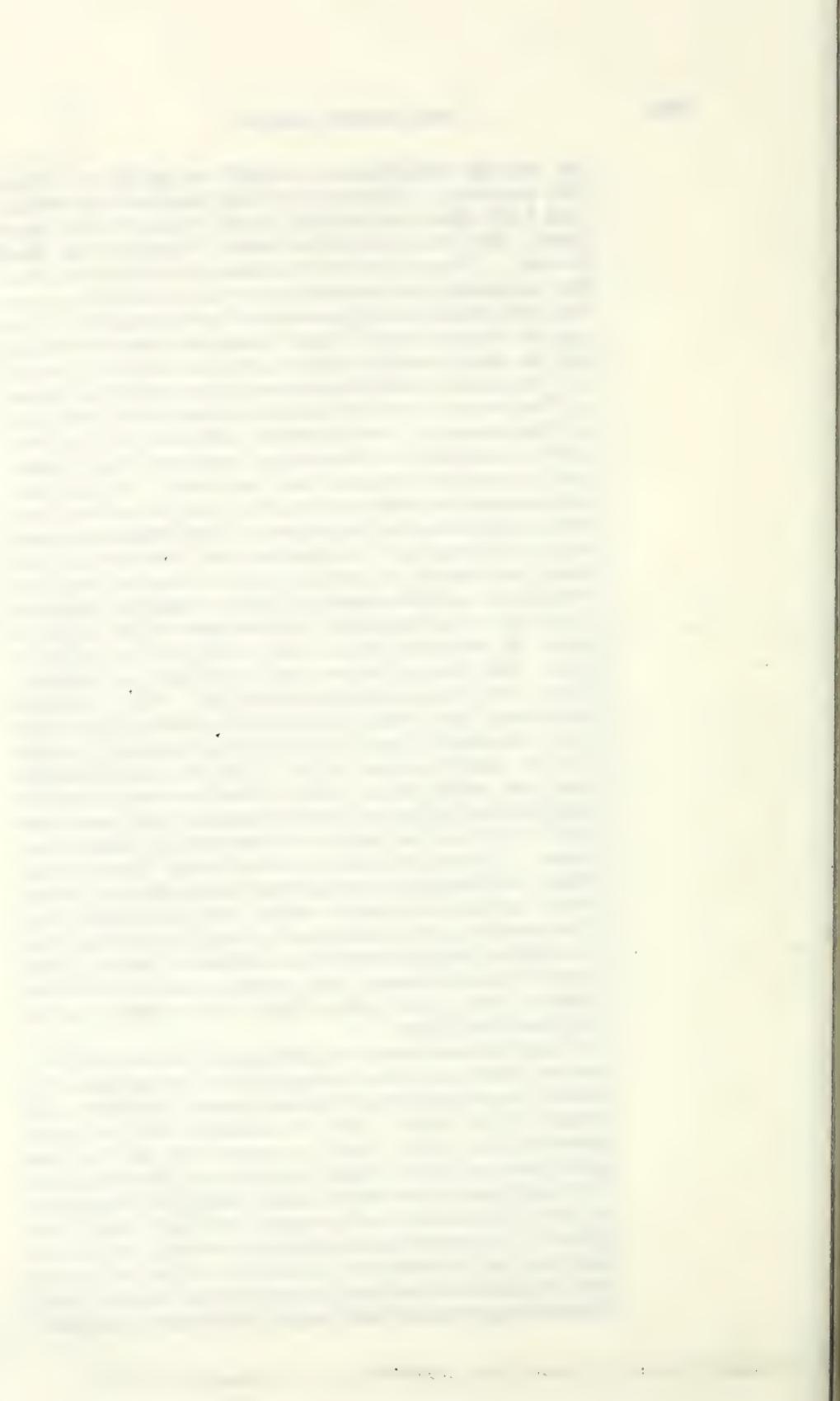
I have just given a slight and inadequate account of a very remarkable family of men. They, most of them, lived in a narrow sphere, but they were men of large ideas. They were led by generous impulses. If they sometimes "failed to bear with fools gladly, seeing they themselves were wise," and sometimes made merry, too boisterously, over the weaknesses and absurdities of others, they were always very tender and compassionate towards the needy and the helpless. No poor man was ever made poorer by their taking advantage of his necessities. The widow and the fatherless have reason to bless them. Gov. Steele, in his Centennial Address, spoke with a warmth which was honorable alike to his heart and his head, of the encouragement which he, an unknown youth, had received from one member of the family. The same might be said of every one of them, by young men who were encouraged and helped by them to advantages of education, or posts of usefulness and emolument, beyond anything which they had been permitted to enjoy for themselves. Grand times they used to have when they came together, as they sometimes did, in their mature years, and made the old house, where their father had lived, ring with loud voices and sounds of laughter, as they "tauld their queerest stories," or with assault and repartee met one another in keen encounters of pleasantry and wit. Nor were the sisters inferior to the men in the use of the same weapons. The judge was a very handsome man, "the handsomest old man," said Prof. Bowen, "the wittiest wise man, and the wisest witty man that I ever knew." His sister, Mrs. Samuel Morison, was as homely as he was handsome. In a playful humor, at her house, when she was old and very infirm, the judge put on her nightcap, and going to the looking-glass exclaimed, "Why, Betty, I thought it was you that I saw in the glass." "Yes," said she, with an air of disdain, "they always told me that I looked like you, and it mortified me almost to death." Well, they have passed away. They believed in God and in the religion of Jesus. They felt more than they expressed. With them, faithful, upright, Christian living was more than any professions could be. When, in talking with Fanny, the most Calvinistic and Antinomian of them all, I once said, "I had not supposed that I should ever have to impress



on *you* the importance of faith," as quick as a flash she answered, "Show me thy faith *without* thy works, and I will show thee my faith *by* my works." They have gone. But their spirit is not dead. They have not lived in vain. The people of Peterborough to-day are a better and nobler race because of the virtue which has gone out from these grand specimens of our humanity. In an age of intemperance, I never heard the charge of drinking too much brought against any one of them, nor did any suspicion of dishonesty ever sully their good name.

They were all men of mind, and had a great influence in Peterborough. And whatever influence they had was always exercised on the side of truth, and uprightness, and fair-dealing between man and man. In the consciousness of superior strength they may sometimes have been overbearing and impatient. They sometimes used very plain language. A conscientious Presbyterian, who could not stay in the meeting with a bass-viol, which he considered an instrument of Satan, consulted Jeremiah Smith as to the legality of certain steps which might be taken in order to defraud his neighbor of a piece of land. The young lawyer could not help exclaiming: "You want, then, to *cheat* him out of it!" "No," said the pious man, "not cheat him. I wad na cheat him out of it for the world; but I thought that perhaps I might kind of *work* him out of it." He had asked advice from the wrong man. These Smiths were above all such arts and tricks as that. Wherever their power was felt, it was on the side of open-handed justice and honor. There was no double-dealing about them. What they thought they said very distinctly, and sometimes, perhaps, in louder tones than were necessary. They were in favor of a liberal policy in education, and in whatever might elevate the standard of morals, while they always, by precept and example, favored what the Apostle James calls "pure religion and undefiled, before God and the Father."

I have written these few paragraphs in the midst of ancient Rome, with the memories and associations of a history reaching through five-and-twenty centuries, and moulding the policy and the fortunes of the world, pressing upon me. And I cannot but see that the principles and habits which contribute to the well-being and happiness of my native town among the mountains of New Hampshire are the same as those which once placed this city at the head of the world's civilization. As long as it preserved its pristine honor and virtue, and its habits of industry, frugality, and simple living, it went on prospering and happy; but when it left these



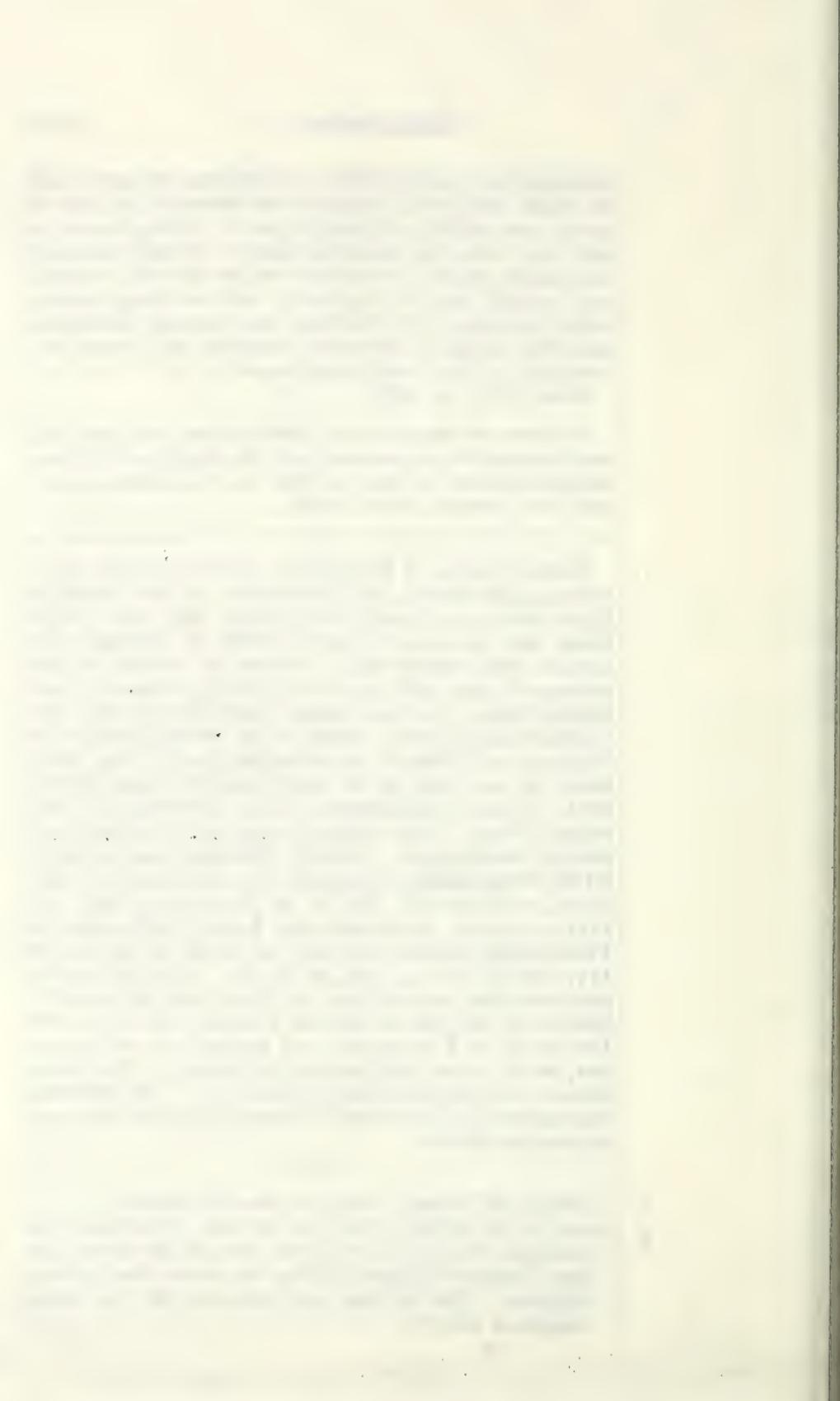
principles and habits behind, and became the seat of all the worst crimes that disgrace our humanity, its day of doom came swiftly and fatally upon it. It is pleasant to turn away from this mournful history, and the decaying monuments which I see around me, to the still youthful and hopeful land of my birth, and to bring vividly before me some of the truthful, hard-working, intelligent men, who helped to form the character and secure the prosperity of that humble settlement.

ROME, Feb. 22, 1876.

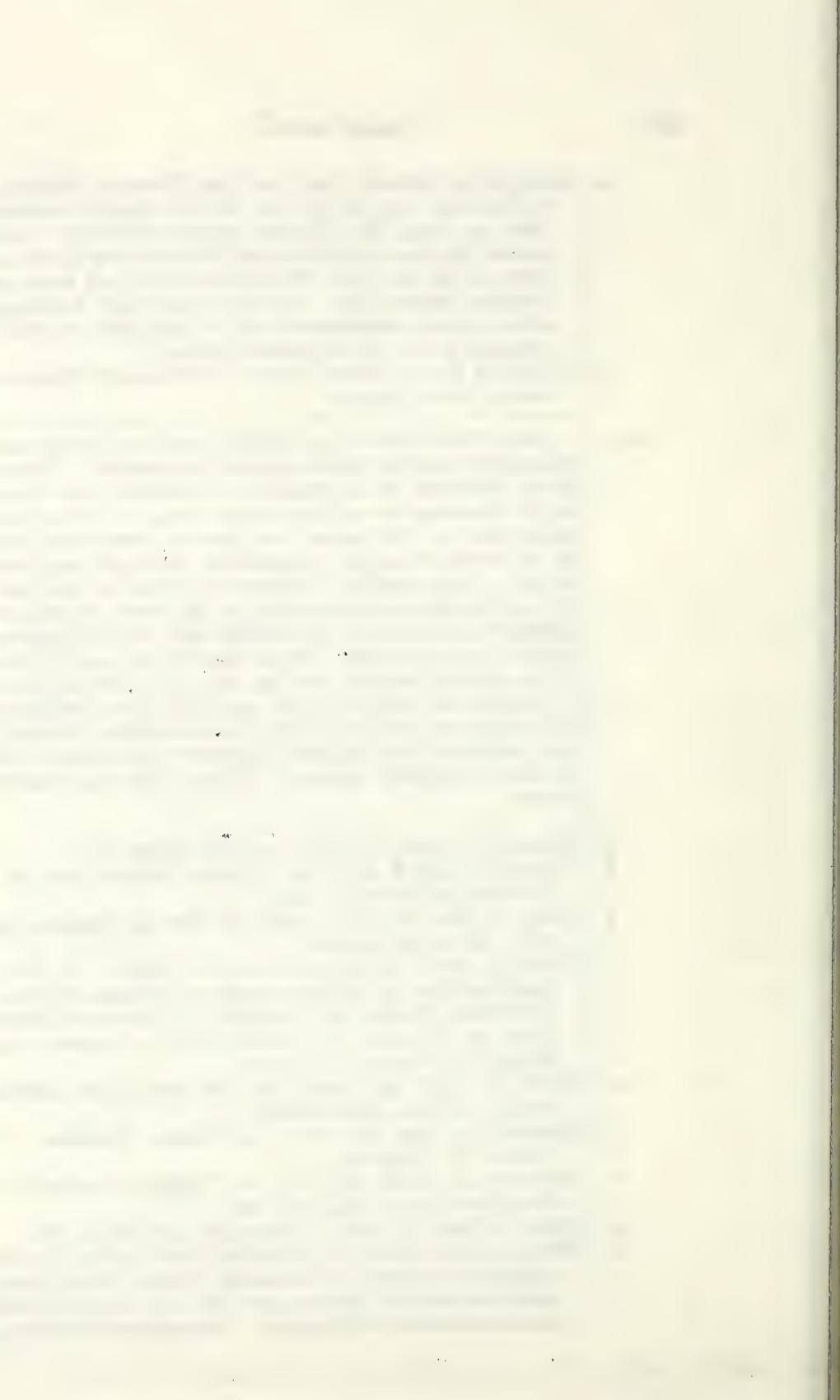
For most of the facts and details under this name we are indebted to a genealogy of the family of William Smith, prepared in 1852 by Rev. L. W. Leonard, D.D., and Rev. Samuel Abbot Smith.

**ROBERT SMITH**, of Moneymore, variously spelled Munnehaugh, Moneymar and Moneymore, in the County of Londonderry, and north of Ireland, near the Lough Neah, was the son of James Smith, of Ireland, and came to this country with a number of families in the autumn of 1736, and spent the following winter in Lexington, Mass. He was a tanner, and brought with him considerable property. Some of his brothers settled in Virginia, and though considerable inquiry has been made, yet no trace of the family has ever been discovered. Most of this company made a settlement in Lunenburg, Mass. Four children came with him and settled in Peterborough. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of James Smith, of England, who was a son of James Smith, of Scotland. She d. in Lunenburg, Sept. 28, 1757, æ. 74 yrs. It appears that Robert Smith came to Peterborough to live soon after the death of his wife in 1757, and d. Jan. 14, 1766, æ. 85 yrs. It is said that he put down four tan-vats, now in a good state of preservation, in the tan-yard of the late Deacon John Field, now Deacon A. A. Farnsworth; and probably, as old as he was, he did some little business in tanning. The necessities of the people probably required it. The children who came with Robert and Elizabeth Smith to this country were as follows.

- 2** †*John*, b. in Ireland, 1715; m. Mary Harkness.  
**3** *Sarah*, b. in Ireland, 1716; m., 1st hus., James Bell, the ancestor of Samuel and John Bell, of Hooksett; 2d hus., Deacon William McNee, by whom she had no children. She d. Jan. 31, 1814, æ. 98 yrs., some supposed 100 yrs.



- 4 *Mary*, b. in Ireland, 1720 ; m. Capt. Thomas Morison ; d. Dec. 29, 1799, æ. 79 yrs. In the church records, Dec. 31, 1799, Mr. Dunbar makes this entry : "Attended the funeral of the aged Widow Mary Morison, relict of the late Capt. Thomas Morison, and sister of William Smith, Esq. She died yesterday morning, after a long confinement and a total loss of bodily strength and of all her mental powers."
- 5 †*William*, b. in Ireland, 1723 ; m. Elizabeth Morison, dau. of John Morison.
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- 1- 2 JOHN SMITH was b. in Ireland, and was twenty-one years old when his father emigrated to America. He m. Mary Hartness or Harkness, of Lunenburg, and came to Peterborough some time before 1754, when his first child was b. He began the place in the south part of the town, where his descendants lived so long, and raised a large family. He was selectman in 1761 and '73, and his name occurs often on the town records, as surveyor and also on committees and in the frequent legislation about roads. He d. Jan. 28, 1801, æ. 86 yrs. In the church records, Jan. 29, 1801, Mr. Dunbar says : "Attended the funeral of the aged Mr. John Smith (æ. 86), brother to William Smith, Esq., a native of Ireland, and came to New England sixty-three years ago. He survived his mental powers." She d. May 14, 1822, æ. 87 yrs.
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- 6 *Elizabeth*, b. June 14, 1754 ; m. John White, Jr.
- 7 *Thomas*, b. June 8, 1756 ; m. Martha Ritchie ; two ch., Thomas and Mary ; d. 1825.
- 8 *Mary*, b. Nov. 6, 1757 ; unm. ; d. Dec. 5, 1796, æ. 39 yrs. ; always an invalid.
- 9 *Robert*, b. April 29, 1759 ; m. Louis Kidder. He practised medicine in various places, as Durham, Milford, Petersham, Bristol, and Addison, Vt., at which latter place he d. ; ch., (1) Frederick ; (2) Charles ; (3) Henry ; (4) Fanny ; (5) Nancy.
- 10 *Sarah*, b. April 29, 1761 ; m., 1st hus., Rev. David Annan ; 2d hus., John Todd.
- 11 *Hannah*, b. Aug. 29, 1763 ; m. Thomas Dunshee ; r. Bristol, Vt. ; eight ch.
- 12 *Margaret*, b. April 29, 1765 ; m. Thomas Fletcher ; r. New Ipswich ; d. 1845 ; two ch.
- 13 *John*, b. June 18, 1767 ; d. Sept. 25, 1778, æ. 11 yrs.
- 14 *Jenny*, b. 1769 ; unm. ; had a son by David Smiley ; David Smith, her son, was in Dartmouth College three years, and then studied divinity, and the last heard of him he was preaching in Michigan. His mother d. with him.



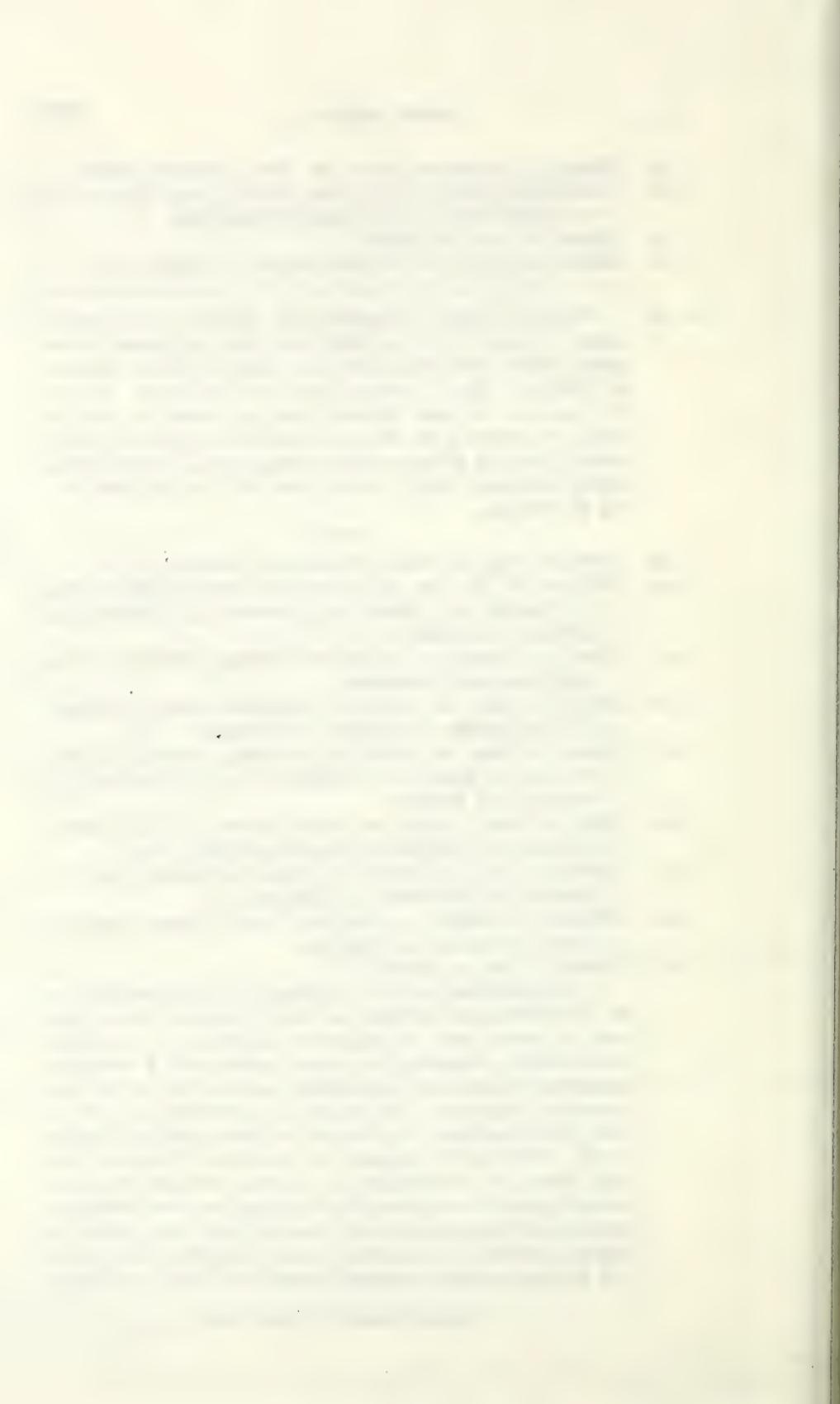
- 15 *Nancy*, b. November, 1772; m. Dea. Jonathan Smith.  
 16 †*William*, b. July 3, 1773; m., 1st w., Jane Moore; 2d w., Olive Gray; 3d w., Nancy Sheppherd.  
 17 *James*, b. —; d. 1778.  
 18 *Naomi*, b. 1775; m. William Burns; r. Bristol, Vt.
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2- 16 WILLIAM SMITH succeeded his father on the homestead. Late in life he sold his farm, and spent a few years before his death with his daughter, Mrs. Russell, of Jaffrey. He d. June 23, 1875, at Jaffrey, æ. 96 yrs. He m., 1st w., Jane Moore, Dec. 25, 1800; d. Feb. 7, 1803, æ. 29 yrs.; m., 2d w., Olive Gray, April 22, 1806; she d. Nov. 28, 1820, æ. 38 yrs.; m., 3d w., Nancy Sheppherd, February, 1822; 1st w., two ch.; 2d w., nine ch.; 3d w., two ch.

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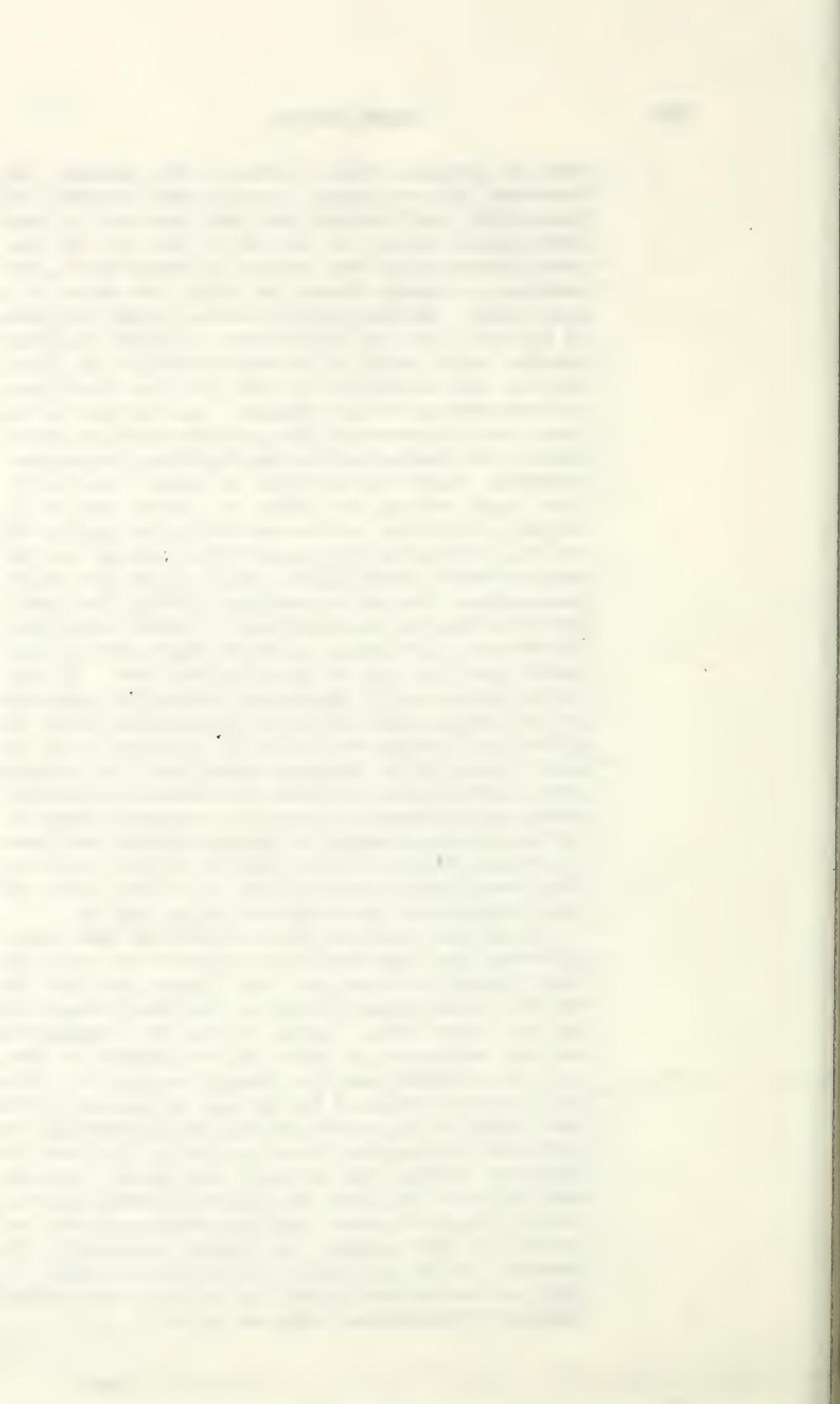
- 19 *John*, b. Aug. 20, 1801; d. Sept. 10, 1802, æ. 1 yr.  
 20 *William M.*, b. Jan. 18, 1803; m. Levina Hardy; ch., (1) Charles; (2) Justin; (3) James; (4) Clarissa; (5) Levina; r. Lowell.  
 21 *Jane*, b. March 11, 1807; m. George McCrillis; ch., May Jane and Henrietta.  
 22 *Mary*, b. Oct. 18, 1808; m. Andreas Emery, Jaffrey; ch., (1) George; (2) Lucy; (3) Charles.  
 23 *Sarah*, b. Nov. 21, 1809; m., 1st hus., Joseph H. Findley; m., 2d hus., — Whiting; ch., (1) Charles; (2) George; (3) Emma.  
 24 *John*, b. Nov. 7, 1811; m. Sarah Moore; ch., (1) James; (2) Sarah; (3) Ellen; r. Hudson, Mich.; d.  
 25 *Dexter*, b. Jan. 20, 1813; m. Almira Stearns; ch., (1) George; (2) William; r. Michigan; d.  
 26 *Margaret*, b. Sept. 5, 1814; m. Luke Pierce; one ch., Sarah; r. and d. in Michigan.  
 27 *James*, b. Jan. 13, 1816.\*

"He graduated at Yale College, in 1840, studied law at Harvard, and settled in New Orleans, 1843. He was a young man of superior talents and excellent scholarship, possessing a proud nature and a towering ambition, guided and controlled, however, by noble and generous impulses. He began the practice of law in the great Southern city which he had selected for his home, with every prospect of success. Friends, who had been his classmates in college and at the law-school, gave him a favorable introduction; and business grew upon him more rapidly than he had any reason to expect, or than is usual with young lawyers. He loved his profession, and devoted himself to it with a single-



ness of purpose which is sure to win success. He examined his own mental powers with calmness and impartiality, and decided that they promised a more distinguished career on the bench than at the bar. After this conclusion was reached, it became his highest ambition to qualify himself for filling the office of a great judge. He had probably made a correct diagnosis of his case; but the high esteem in which his great relative, Judge Smith, of Exeter, was held in the State, and his own admiration for him, may not have been without influence on his judgment. In the midst of his plans, and his dreams of the greatness that lay before him, he was struck down by that insidious disease, consumption, which has destroyed so many of his family. One damp evening, on riding out rather late to his lodgings, which were a few miles from the city, he felt an unusual chill, and took a cold bath, thinking that the reaction which should follow would restore the proper temperature. He was not aware of having taken cold; but in the bath he was seized with a violent hemorrhage. No one was in the house, except the negro servants, who waited upon him, and no physician was near. He perceived at once the full significance of what had occurred, and he knew too well the destiny that awaited him. In a few days, however, he had so far recovered as to be able to attend to his business again; but other attacks soon followed which weakened his constitution, naturally strong, and destroyed all hope of a permanent recovery. He then quietly arranged his business affairs, took leave of the lady to whom he had become engaged, and bidding farewell to his other friends, came back to his old home with the full consciousness that he must die.

"To but one friend did he ever reveal the keen disappointment, the utter desolation, which he felt when he found that all his hopes had been blasted, and that the future to which he had looked so confidently was to be for him a mere blank. But he uttered no complaint to any one, not even to the sister who was dearest to him, and who watched over him lovingly to the last. His family were not aware of his marriage engagement, as he never talked of his personal affairs, and destroyed all the letters which he received from the South. He bore his sufferings, mental and physical, with stoical fortitude, and died as he had lived, the loftiest, proudest spirit in that little band of ardent, aspiring young men, who had started in life together (at Exeter Academy). He breathed his last at his father's house, in the South Village, just as the clock struck the midnight hour which ushered in the new year, 1847, æ. 31 yrs."

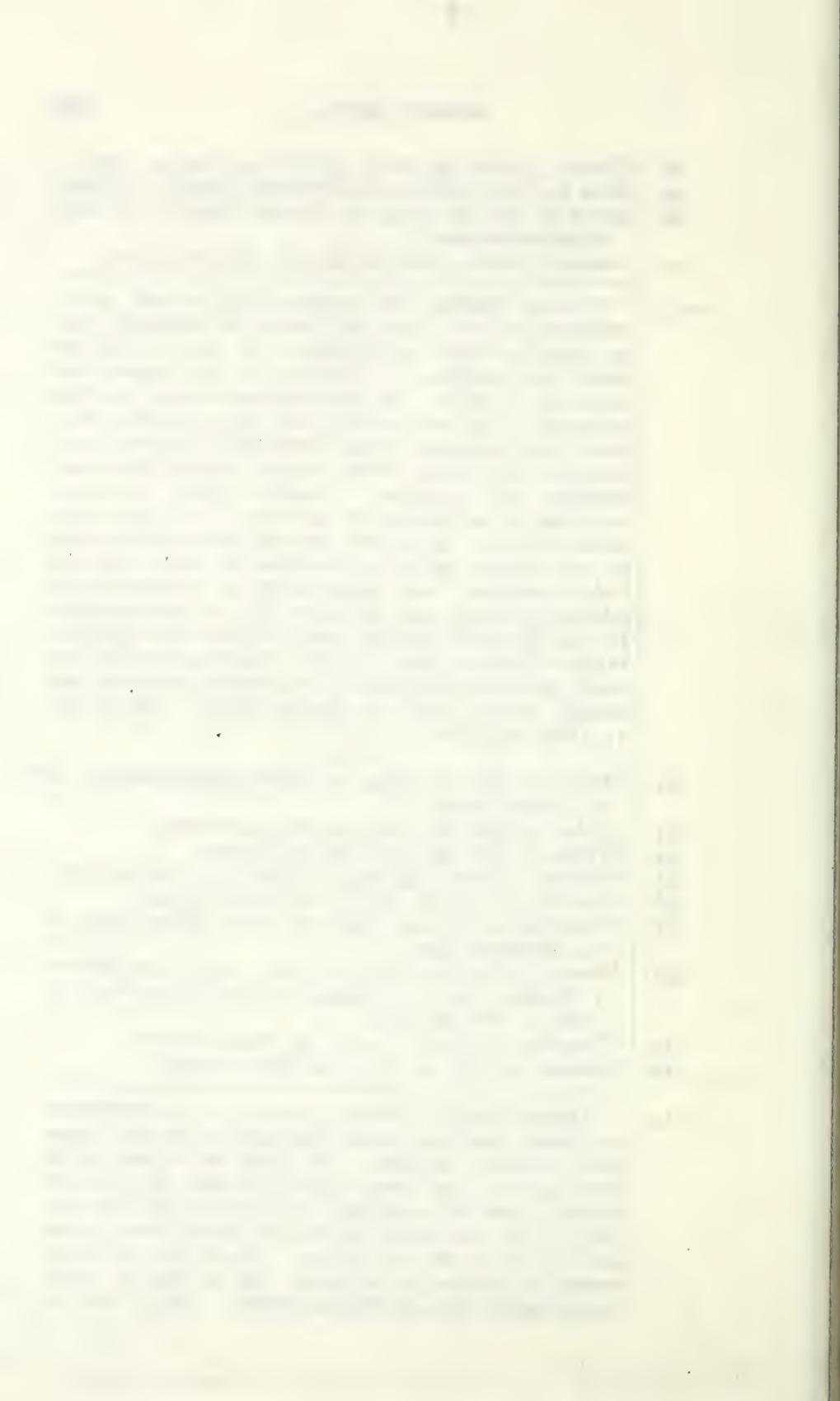


- 28 *Charles*, b. April 23, 1817; d. May 20, 1820, æ. 3 yrs.  
 29 *Olive*, b. June 13, 1820; m. Sylvester Russell; r. Jaffrey.  
 30 *Henry*, b. Jan. 22, 1823; m. Harriet Frost; r. Lowell; killed on railroad.  
 31 *Nancy*, b. June 9, 1824; d. May 10, 1854, æ. 30 yrs.
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I- 5 WILLIAM SMITH. We suppose that he took up his residence in town about the time of his marriage, Dec. 31, 1751, no doubt having been here more or less for some time previous, in preparing for the support and shelter of a family. He was considered one of the best informed of the early settlers, was justice of the peace many years, delegate to the Provincial Congress, 1774, deacon of the church, "was a man of singular discretion, modesty, and goodness," a useful citizen, and much employed in the business of the town. He held various offices in town. At the first meeting after incorporation he was chosen one of a committee to settle with the "old committee," and subsequently he was moderator, selectman, tithing-man, treasurer, etc., at various times. He m. Elizabeth Morison, dau. of John and Margaret Wallace Morison, Dec. 31, 1751. She was b. in Londonderry, and was distinguished for industry, economy, and energy. She d. Sept. 15, 1808, æ. 85 yrs. He d. Jan. 31, 1808, æ. 85 yrs.

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- 32 †*Robert*, b. Feb. 15, 1753; m., 1st w., Agnes Smiley; 2d w., Isabel Ames.  
 33 †*John*, b. April 10, 1754; m. Margaret Steele.  
 34 †*James*, b. Jan. 29, 1756; m. Sally Ames.  
 35 *William*, b. March 14, 1757; d. Jan. 31, 1776, æ. 19 yrs.  
 36 *Elizabeth*, b. July 28, 1758; m. Samuel Morison.  
 37 †*Jeremiah*, b. Nov. 29, 1759; m., 1st w., Eliza Ross; 2d w., Elizabeth Hale.  
 38 *Hannah*, b. May 18, 1761; m., Dec. 7, 1795, John Barker; r. Rindge; ch., (1) *Hannah*, b. April 24, 1801; (2) *John*, b. Nov. 28, 1804.  
 39 †*Jonathan*, b. April 11, 1763; m. Nancy Smith.  
 40 †*Samuel*, b. Nov. 11, 1765; m. Sally Garfield.
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5- 32 ROBERT SMITH. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and very much respected for his good sense and Christian character. He lived on a farm in the south part of the town, originally deeded by Jeremiah Gridley, John Hill, and John Towle to Halbert Morison, July 5, 1753, and by him to William Smith, June 2, 1761, and by him to his son Robert. He d. early, in consequence of an injury to his knee. He m., May 25, 1778, Agnes Smiley, dau. of William Smiley. She d. Oct. 10,



1791, æ. 36 yrs.; m., 2d w., May, 1792, Isabel Ames, who m., for 2d hus., Shubael Hurd, of Lempster. She d. August, 1847, æ. 84 yrs. He d. Dec. 31, 1795, æ. 43 yrs.; 1st w., two ch.; 2d w., three ch.

41 *William*, b. May 16, 1779; unm.; d. Aug. 31, 1840, æ. 61 yrs. He was subject to epilepsy, which greatly impaired his mental powers.

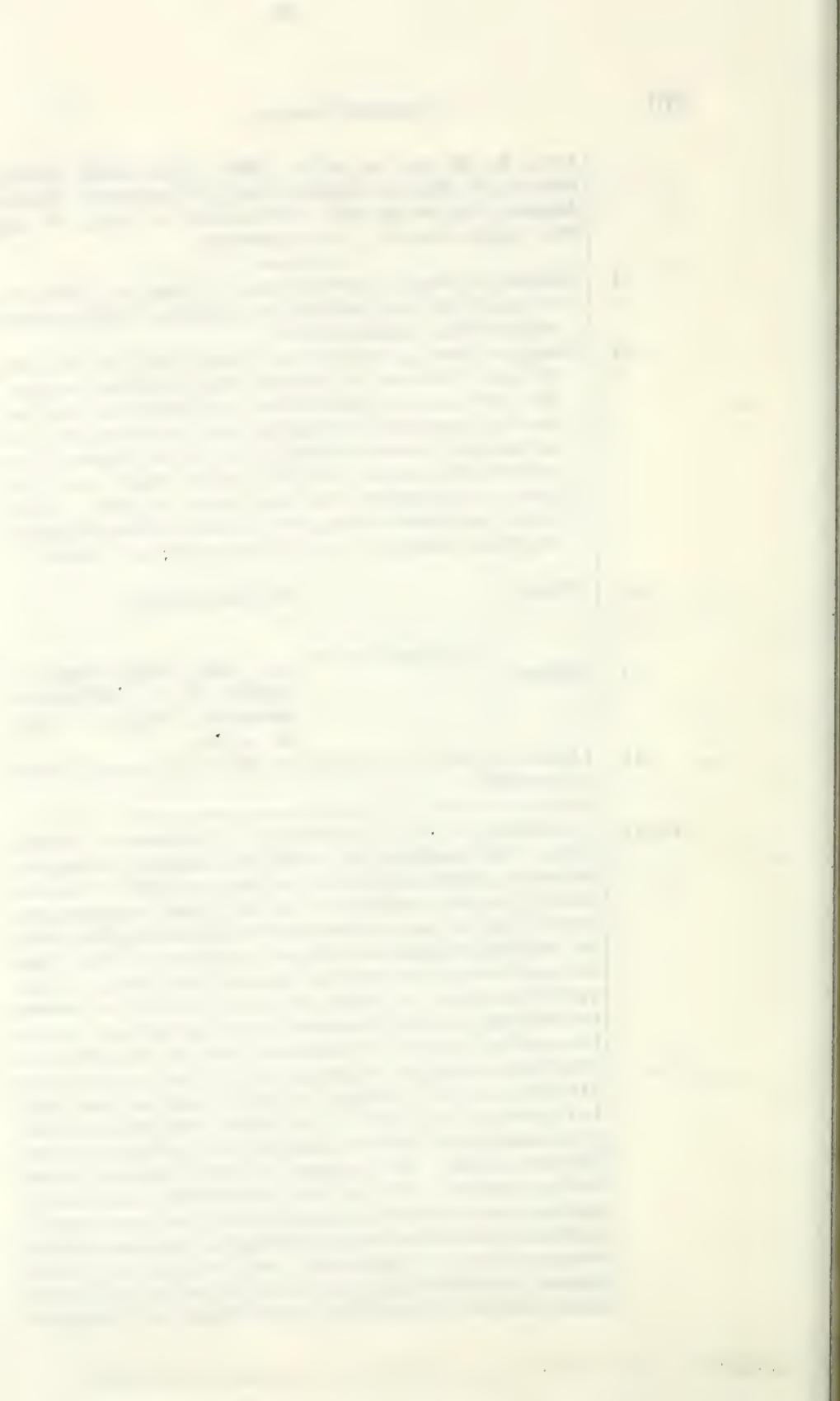
42 *Fanny*, b. Sept. 4, 1780; unm. She d. July 10, 1858, æ. 78 yrs. She was a talented but eccentric woman. She very early espoused the anti-slavery cause, but was not permitted, as many of her associates were, to see such a glorious realization of all her hopes. She ordered the marble obelisk which stands over her grave, and dictated the inscription in 1858: "This side is dedicated to the glorious cause of emancipation. May God prosper it, and all the people say, Amen."

43 †*Jesse*, } m. Eliza Bailey.

44 *Stephen*, } b. March, 1793; m.; had three wives; r. Buffalo, N. Y. All his ch. deceased. He d. in 1867, æ. 74 yrs.

45 †*Robert*, b. Aug. 8, 1795; m., Nov. 18, 1818, Nancy Nesmith.

32- 43 JESSE SMITH, M.D., graduated at Dartmouth College, 1814. He concluded to study the medical profession, but having expended all his means, and more too, and having incurred debts for his collegiate education, he was obliged to teach a few years while pursuing his medical studies, and did not receive his degree till 1819, when he graduated in the medical class. of that year, in Harvard University. In 1820, he was appointed to lecture on anatomy, in the Dartmouth Medical College, where he acquitted himself so creditably that he was invited to the Professorship of Anatomy and Surgery, in the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, which he accepted, and held to the time of his death. He became eminent as a surgeon, standing at the very head of the profession in the Western States. He operated thirteen times for stone in the bladder. He was an independent and strong-minded man, with an indomitable will that overcame all obstacles, and with a wide culture in his profession which rendered him an interesting and instructive lecturer. He m. Eliza Bailey, dau. of Jonathan Bailey, of Charlestown, who m., 2d hus., Rev. John Wright, of Cincinnati.



They had seven children, all deceased but one, Mary Elizabeth, b. March 7, 1830; m. John R. Wright; have six ch. Prof. Smith d. of cholera, July, 1833, after fourteen hours' sickness, a victim to his professional zeal and ability, during the prevalence of cholera in that city. See Centennial Appendix. *Address p. 287 -*

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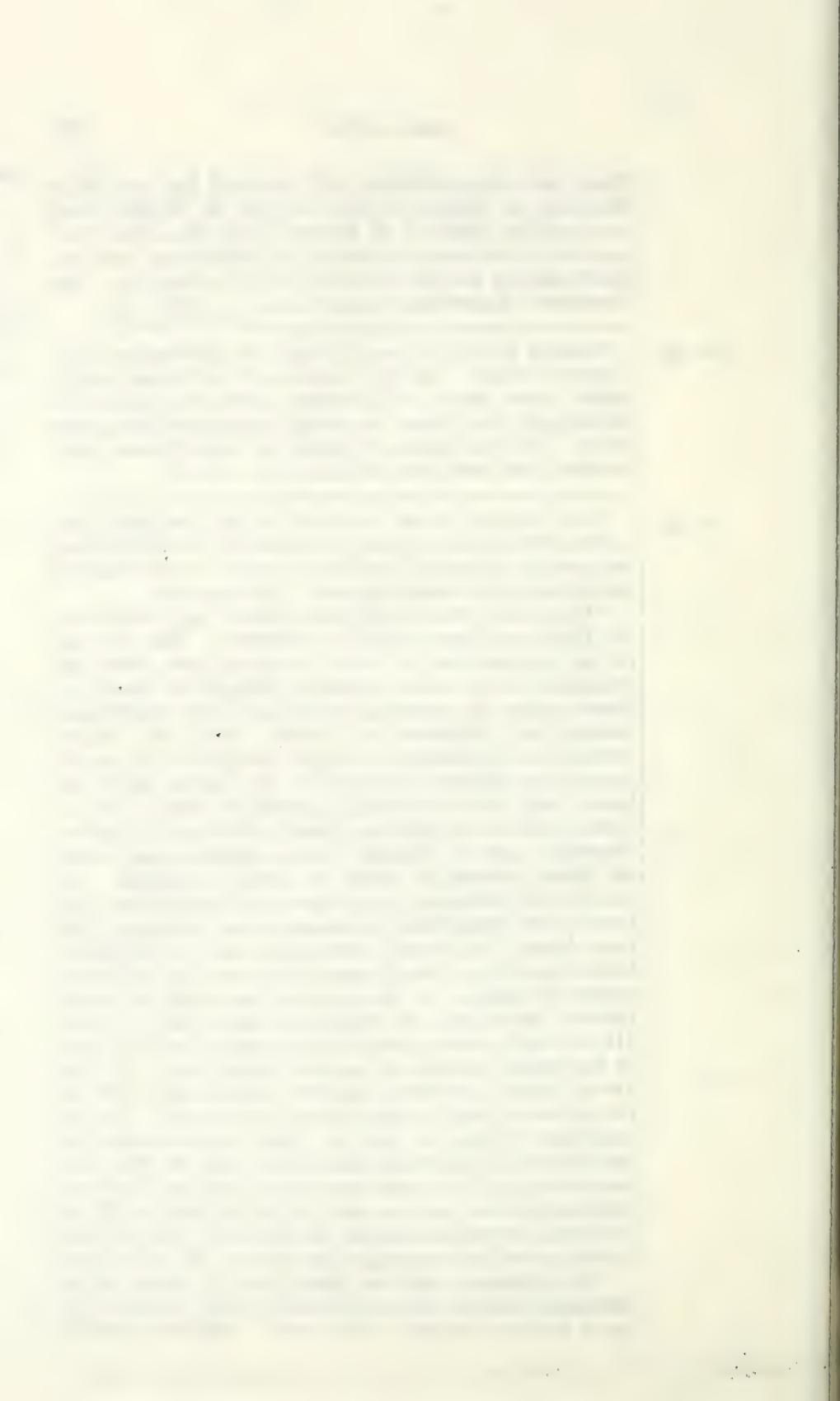
ROBERT SMITH, b. Aug. 8, 1795; m., November, 1818, Nancy Nesmith. He went south early in life, and taught school some years in Mississippi, when he removed to Simmsport, La., where he owned and carried on a plantation. He had several children, of whom Samuel only survived, and now lives in Louisiana. He d.

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JOHN SMITH. I am indebted to his daughter, Mrs. Louisa Fifield, now residing in Alton, Ill., for the following graphic sketch of her father, as well as for many of the ideas in the remaining part. She says:—

"Her father when twenty-one years of age could read the Bible, and knew a little of arithmetic. His first use of his freedom was to raise a crop of rye, from the proceeds of which he supported himself at school, at Exeter, some six months, and gained, with other acquisitions, the rudiments of Latin. With this scanty provision of education, he began his life's work, supplemented by diligent reading of the Bible, which he loved, and by the thorough perusal of such works as Edmund Burke's speeches, Hume's *History of England*, Boswell's *Life of Johnson*, Blair's sermons, and, above all, Burns' poems, in which he greatly delighted. He was liberally educated, in a higher and better sense than that of the thoughtless graduates of our colleges. The town library, the weekly newspaper, and an occasional book loaned by a friend, were the scanty, but sufficient, means of culture. A strong mind that used its opportunities made him an influential and leading citizen. He was early made a justice of the peace, and did most of the justice business in town for many years. He was always deeply interested in town affairs, and held all the offices of trust except that of selectman. He was moderator 1793, '97, '98, '99, 1801; representative to the General Court twelve years, from 1791 to 1803, and much employed in committees on all important business. Speaking evil of no one, and judging all men kindly as he would himself be judged, he exercised a kindly and genial, as well as a strong, influence over his fellow-men.

"His influence, said the Hon. John H. Steele, in his centennial speech, 1839, contributed much towards giving a distinct character to the town. But where now is

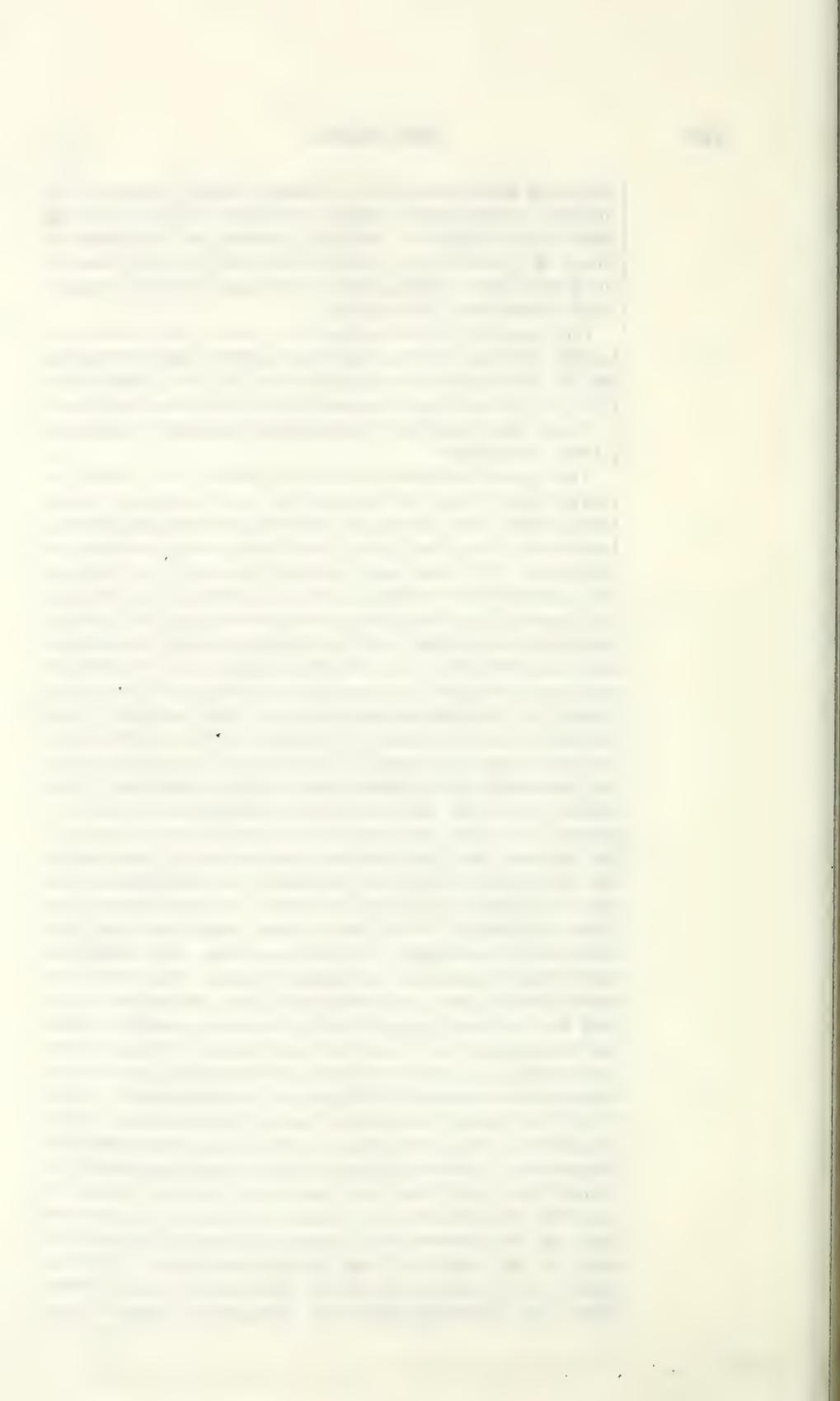


the man who never lets a human being pass him unheeded ; whose ever active mind and ready talent can draw forth alike the budding powers of childhood or those of ripened age ; who is ever ready to aid, counsel, or direct, with wisdom, purse, or hand his fellow-man ? Such a man was John Smith."

His sudden death spread a gloom over the town hardly ever felt before, and the words added to the record of his death in the church-book by Mr. Dunbar testified to the universal esteem in which he was held :—

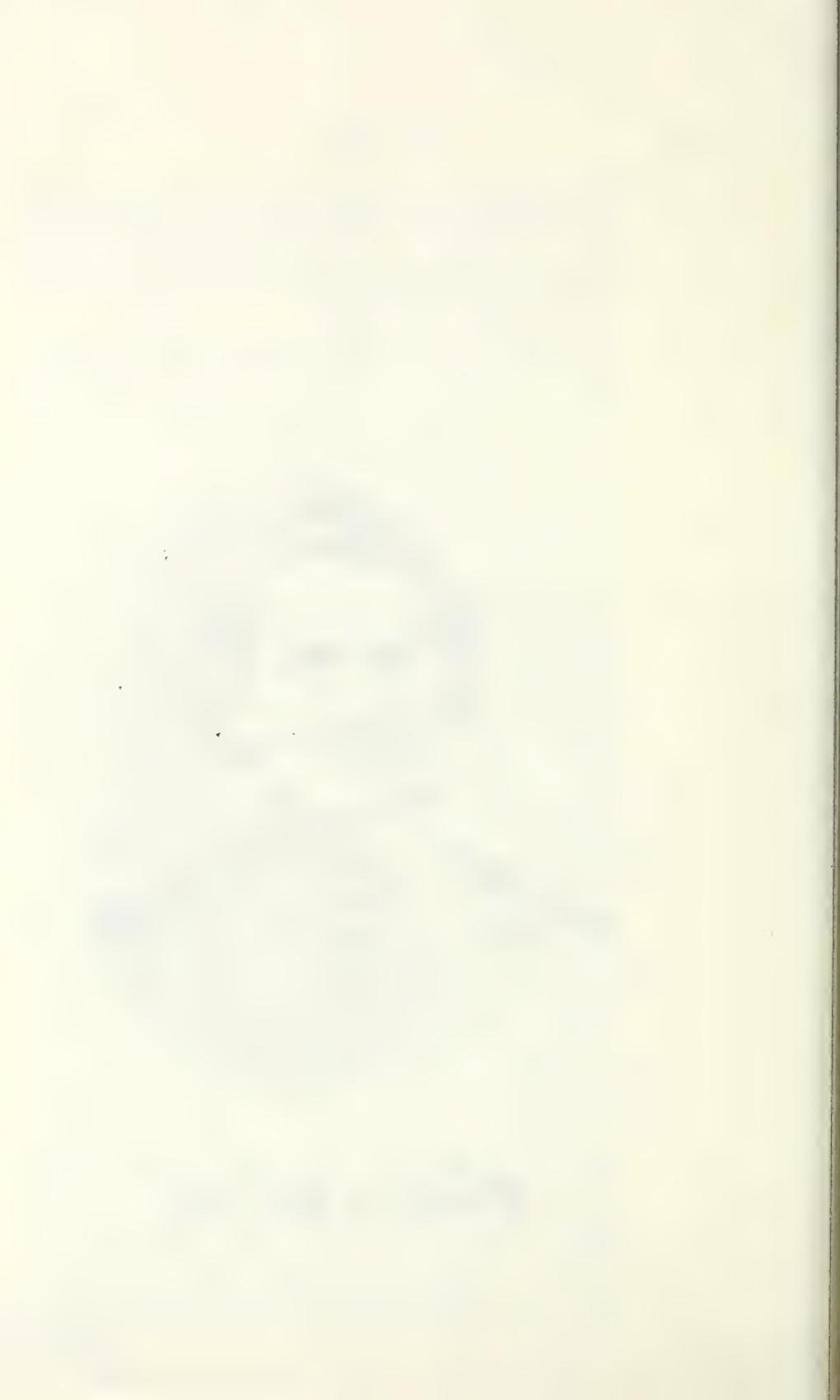
*"Ast cheu quantum benevolentie, quantum integritatis e terris convolavit."*

The question arises how such men as Mr. Smith acquired such funds of knowledge and wisdom in those times, when the means of cultivation were so limited, books so scarce, and periodicals and newspapers almost unknown. We can only partially account for the fact. He inherited more than a common share of talent, and in his early life of hardship, in which his physical powers were fully developed and strengthened, his constant association with men of a superior character for strength and purity tended to a constant elevation of his moral as well as his intellectual powers. His means of early education were exceedingly limited, but it was effective ; for such men only need to be started ; an ardent thirst for knowledge and a keen observation of men and things would open the way to any acquisition. Perhaps I should not omit to mention, as one of the elements of his success, his great moderation in eating, and an entire abstinence from all luxuries ; his sustenance was upon a plain, nourishing diet, which insured the greatest share of health. The books read were few, but they were read thoroughly, and the contents, with much reflection and conversation, made his own. His associates were thinking men, men who had large, expanded views, and were able to grapple with almost any subject, without extraneous aid. But we never cease to wonder how such men as the subject of this notice could have arisen without more means of culture and improvement. Were it not that other instances of native greatness were often exhibited in this town, that a race almost came forth with shrewdness, knowledge, and wisdom unprecedented, we should have said that this was merely one of those exceptions of individual excellence that spring up now and then, no one knows how. He settled on the Street Road near to and north of his father's residence. He m., Dec. 1, 1791, Margaret Steele, dau. Capt. David Steele. She d. at Franklin, Sept. 30, 1830, æ. 73 yrs., 8 mos.





Robert Smith



He met his death by a fall from a load of hay, Aug. 7, 1821, æ. 67 yrs., 3 mos.

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- 46 *Harriet*, b. Nov. 3, 1792; d. May 17, 1818, æ. 25 yrs., 6 mos.
- 47 *Louisa*, b. May 9, 1795; m., Sept. 18, 1827, Joshua Field, Franklin; he d. at Alton, Ill., Nov. 27, 1840; ch., Mary Mansfield, the only child living, b. Feb. 8, 1835; m. George Kellenberger, who d. Jan. 4, 1866; two ch., Anna and Edith; r. Alton, Ill.
- 48 *John, Jr.*, b. April 16, 1797. He lived in town till 1822, when he went to Northfield, and associated himself with Thomas Baker and John Cavender, for the purpose of building a cotton factory. While earnestly laboring in this enterprise, he sickened and d., Oct. 8 of the same year, 1822, æ. 25 yrs. He was a young man of much promise.
- 49 *Jane*, b. March 14, 1800; m., Jan. 26, 1823, John Cavender, a trader in Peterborough many years; a manufacturer of Franklin from 1822 to 1836, and then a merchant in St. Louis, Mo., one of the firm of Smith Brothers & Co. He d. at St. Louis, Jan. 5, 1863, æ. 69 yrs. She d. at St. Louis, Dec. 5, 1858, æ. 58 yrs., 8 mos.; two ch., John S. and Robert.
- 50 *Robert*, b. June 12, 1802.  
He spent his early years at home in labor on his father's farm, on which he worked steadily till he was nineteen years of age, only enjoying the winter district-schools, with a term of three months at Daniel M. Christie's school in the autumn of 1820, and three months at the New Ipswich academy, as all his advantages of education. In the spring of 1820, he went into the machine-shop of his Uncle Samuel to learn the trade of making machinery, where he remained till the death of his brother John in 1821, when he took his place in the Smithville Manufacturing Company, with John Cavender and Thomas Baker, in building a cotton-factory in Northfield, near the point where the Winnipiseogee and Pemigewasset unite.

He remained here, sedulously employed in the manufacturing and mercantile interests of the company, till 1832, when he emigrated to the State of Illinois, pitching his tent in the town of Alton, "near which was a traders' post of some note, called St. Louis." (How strange! now a mighty city.) He rose to distinction in political life by his own ardent and unaided efforts, overcoming all the obstacles that his want of early discipline and training presented. He was chosen to

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the twenty-eighth Congress in the district in which he lived, for three terms, or six years, from 1843 to '49.

"His general course in the national councils has been guided by those democratic principles and doctrines upon which he was originally elected. He here sustained the administration of Mr. Polk in all its cardinal features of its policy, excepting as to appropriations for rivers and harbors. These he has always broadly and liberally advocated."\*

He was appointed paymaster in the late civil war, in which office he did faithful service, till ill-health compelled him to resign. He was a man of very genial nature, and of the strictest integrity. He possessed uncommonly popular talents, and few men ever held such a power over the popular will. He m., Nov. 3, 1828, Sarah P. Bingham, of Lempster; ch., (1) Robert Bingham, b. July 31, 1838; (2) Sarah Bingham, b. May 27, 1843. He d. at Alton, Ill., Dec. 21, 1867, æ. 65 yrs.

- 51 James, b. Oct. 28, 1804; m., May 15, 1832, Persis Garland, of Franklin; c. After spending some five years in business in New York, he formed a copartnership with his brother, William H. Smith, and their brother-in-law, John Cavender, under the firm of Smith Brothers & Co., and commenced business in St. Louis, May, 1833, which was successful under his untiring energy and cautious, prudent management, till the "big fire of 1849," when the old firm dissolved, showing a prosperous business, in spite of losses by the disastrous fire. In 1851, a new copartnership was formed, in which George Partridge was associated with James and William H. Smith, under the style of Partridge & Co., the Smiths only to render such service in the business as suited their inclinations. It is but justice to say that the continued prosperity of the new firm was quite as much due to the cautious, prudent counsel and management of James Smith as in the old company. The Smiths withdrew from this copartnership in 1863. James Smith, after an unremitting service of more than thirty years, retired to wisely consider how he could best discharge the "trust of a beneficent Providence," in the disposition of his earnings and savings. If report be true, he has chosen the sensible plan of becoming his own executor, to which the Washington University and kindred institutions of the city of his adoption bear ample testimony as to the wisdom or folly of his example.

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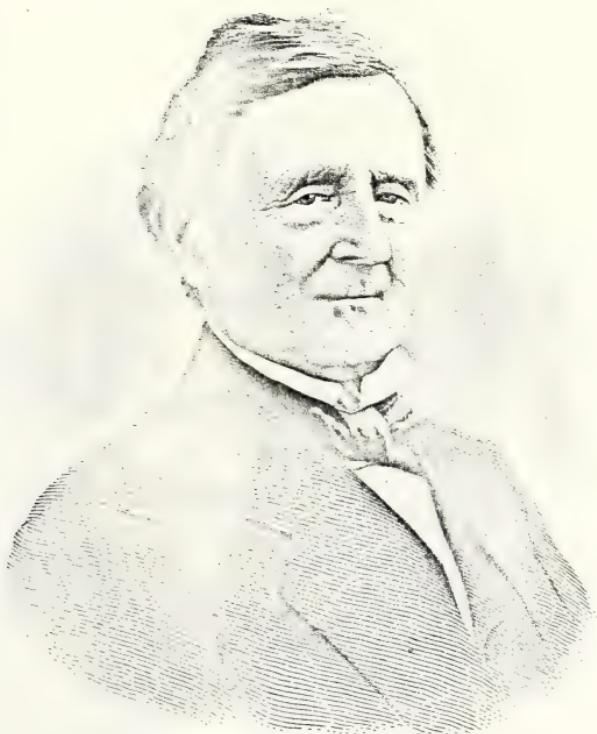
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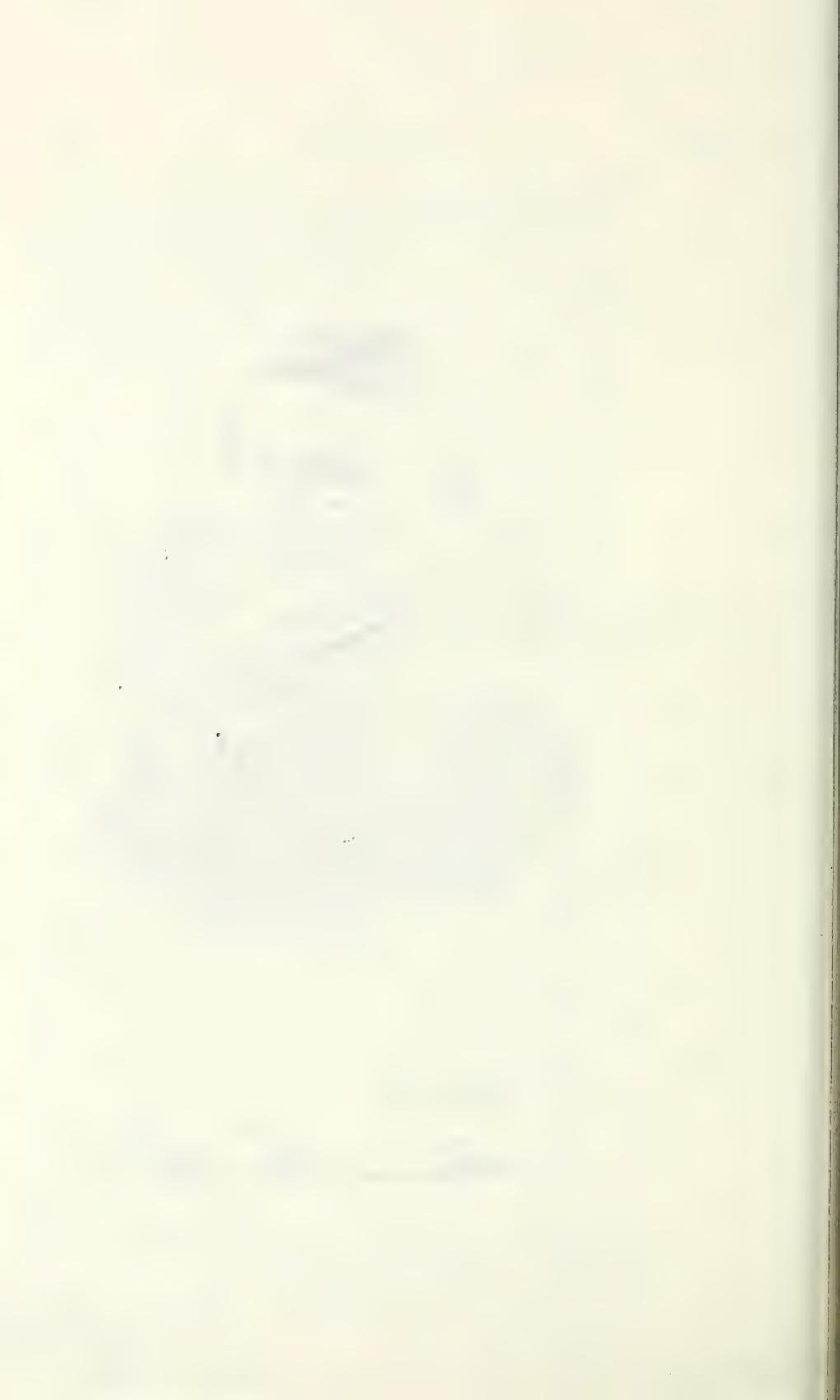
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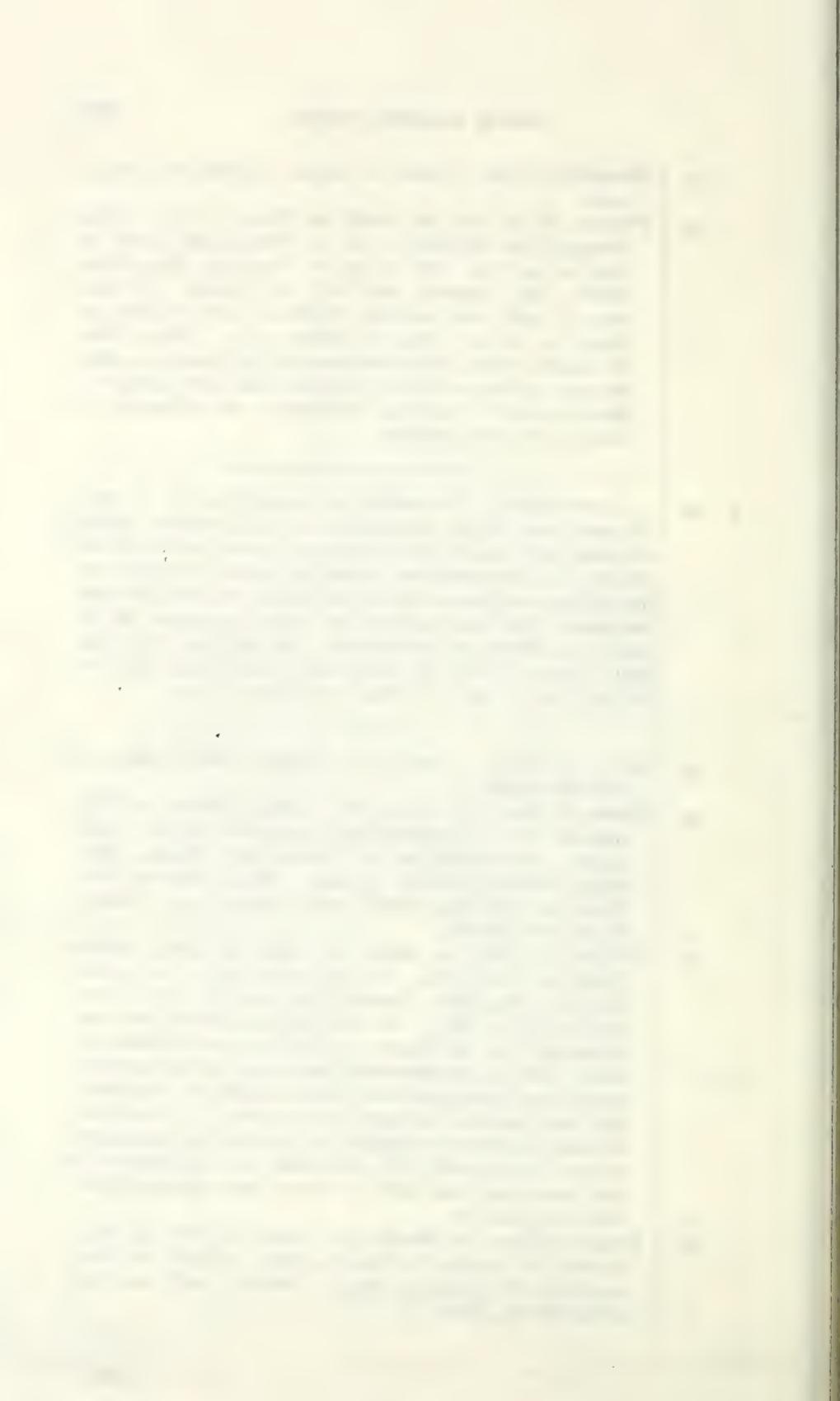


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- 52 *Feremiah*, b. Oct. 1, 1806; d. April 6, 1816, æ. 9 yrs., 6 mos.
- 53 *William H.*, b. Dec. 26, 1808; m., Nov. 5, 1837, Lydia Pettengill, of Salisbury; she d. at St. Louis, Feb. 10, 1841, æ. 29 yrs. He m., 2d w., Sept. 13, 1843, Ellen Smith, dau. Samuel and Sally G. Smith. Of their four ch. only one survives, William Eliot, b. Dec. 31, 1844; m. Alice Cole, of Alton, 1873. When Wm. H. Smith retired from business in St. Louis, in 1863, he took up his residence in Alton, and here bought a farm, erected a suite of buildings, and adapted the farm to the fruit culture.
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- 5- 34 JAMES SMITH. He settled in Cavendish, Vt., in 1790. He was here highly respected, and held various offices of trust and honor. He was many years justice of the peace; a Representative in the Legislature of Vermont for thirteen successive years, and much employed in town business. He was said to be second to none of his family in talents or intelligence. He m., Dec. 31, 1791, Sally Ames, b. May 6, 1769; she d. May 16, 1833, æ. 64 yrs.; he d. Aug. 11, 1842, æ. 86 yrs., 6 mos.
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- 54 *Sally*, b. Sept. 1, 1795; m. James Walker, Esq., of Peterborough.
- 55 *James*, b. Nov. 13, 1797; m. Betsey Brown, of Plymouth, Vt. He represented Cavendish in the Legislature; afterwards re. to Schoolcraft, Mich., May, 1833, where he d. Feb. 4, 1842. She d. May 11, 1841. Three of his large family only survive, *viz.*: Betsey, Sarah and Marcia.
- 56 *William*, b. July 31, 1800; m., Oct. 6, 1828, Rhoda Bates, of Cavendish. She d. Aug. 8, 1844; m., 2d w., Aug. 20, 1845, Mrs. Isabel Page, dau. of John Proctor, b. July 4, 1823. Of his children, Rhoda, who m. Franklin Rice, of Boston, and Ellen and William survive. He has represented Cavendish in the Legislature of the State, and been much employed in municipal and probate business in the town. At one time he was extensively engaged in the woollen manufacture at Proctorsville, Vt., but sold out his interest in the same, and has now for many years devoted himself to agriculture.
- 57 *Joseph Addison*, b. March 31, 1806; m., Oct. 8, 1835, Sarah M. Proctor, b. Jan. 16, 1819. He d. at Proctorsville, Vt., Feb. 28, 1851. One ch. only survived of his family, John P.



58 | John, b. Aug. 31, 1812; m., Feb. 25, 1836, Nancy Willard. He d. April 20, 1839, æ. 26 yrs., 7 mos.; r. St. Joseph, Mich.

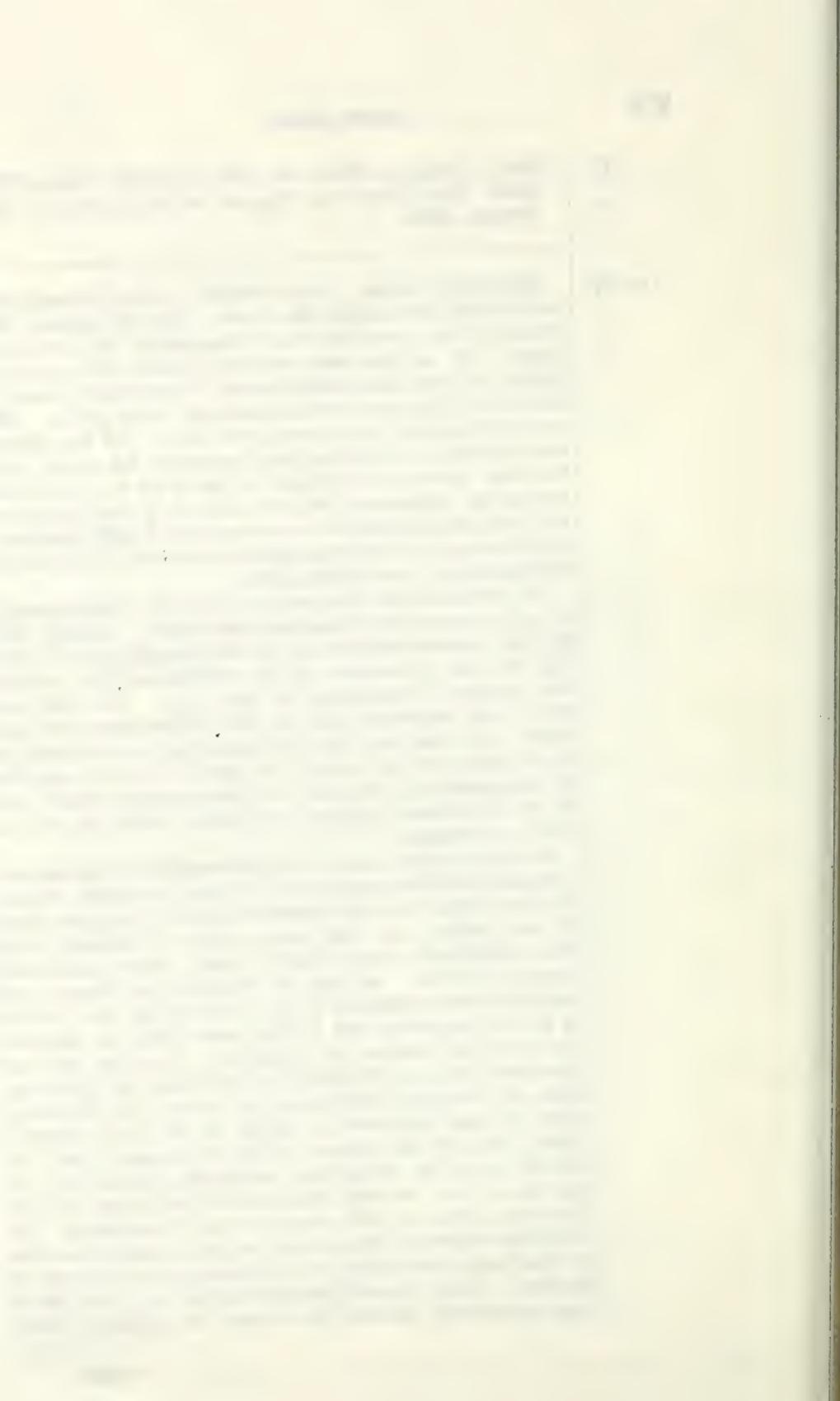
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JEREMIAH SMITH. Judge Smith is the representative man of the race and of the town. He was among the most eminent men that New Hampshire has ever produced. If, as has been said in relation to an early period of New Hampshire history, "there were giants in those days," he was certainly among these giants. He was an eminently great and good man. All his efforts were exerted for the honor and benefit of his State; and few men have accomplished so much as he did in elevating his profession, the law, then in a low condition, to a true and honorable basis — even to a high standard. His memory will be long cherished as one of the public benefactors of New Hampshire.

He commenced the practice of law in Peterborough, in 1787, where he remained ten years. During this time he represented the town in the Legislature in 1788, '89, '90; was a member of the convention that formed the present Constitution in 1791, '92. He took an active and important part in the deliberations of that body. His vote was cast for expunging that clause of the Constitution by which "no person can be capable of being elected a Senator or Representative who is not of the Protestant religion," an article which is still in the Constitution.

In 1790, he was chosen a Representative to the second Congress, and was continued for three successive terms. He here formed an acquaintance with all the great men of that period, and was upon terms of intimacy with that remarkable man, Fisher Ames, which continued through his life. In 1797, he removed to Exeter, and was that year appointed U. S. Attorney for the District of New Hampshire, and at the same time he resigned his office as member of Congress. In 1800, he was appointed Judge of Probate for the County of Rockingham, and held the office about two years. In February, 1801, he was appointed a Judge of the U. S. District Court, but on the repeal of the "Judiciary Law," in March, 1802, his office was abolished; but in May, of the same year, he was appointed Chief-Judge of the Superior Court of Judicature in New Hampshire. He held this office till 1809, when he was chosen Governor of the State; but failing of a reëlection, he returned to the bar. Under a new judiciary act in 1813, Mr. Smith was reluctantly induced to accept the office of chief-



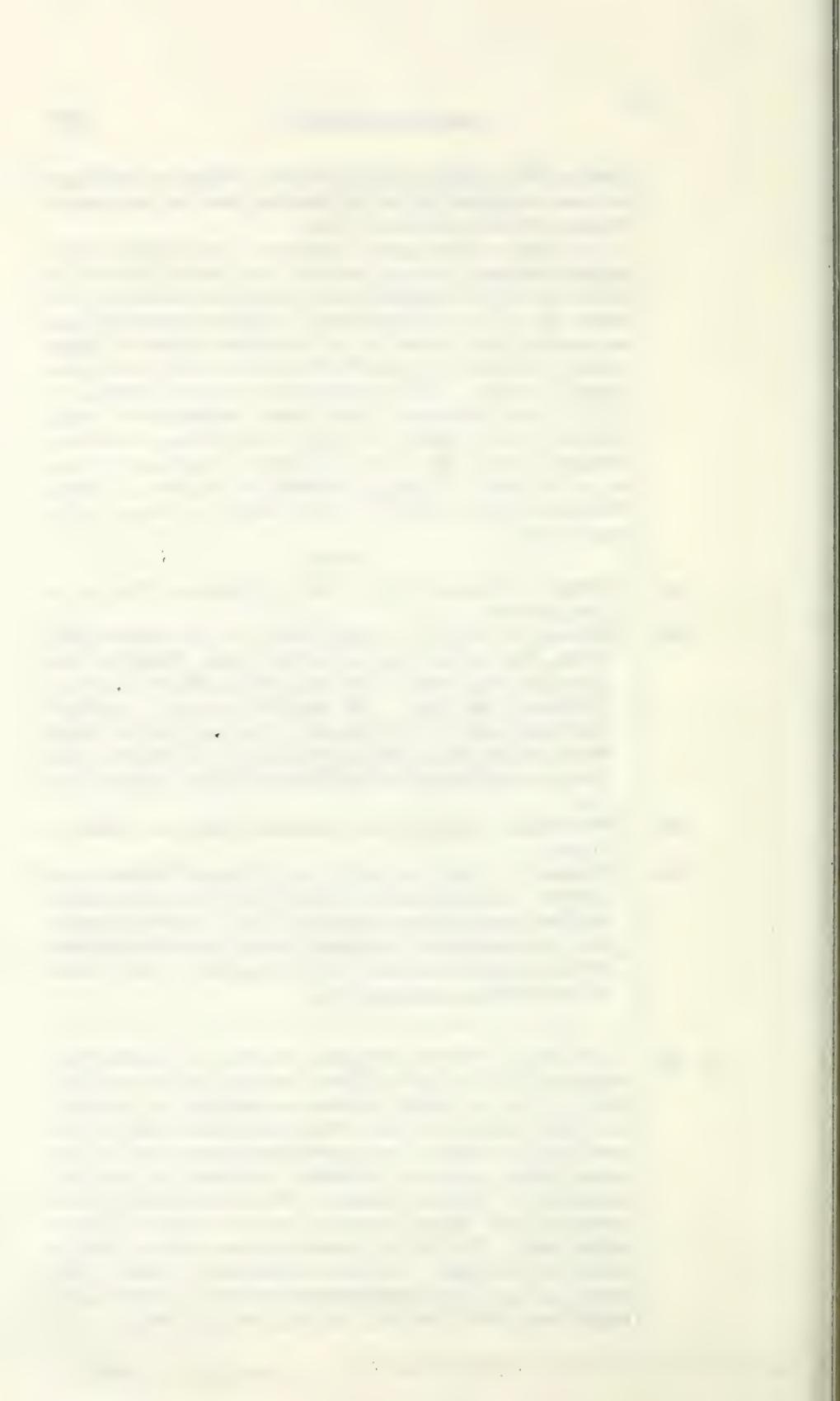
justice, which office he held till 1816, when the judiciary act was rescinded by the Legislature, and he once more returned to the practice of law.

In 1820, at the age of sixty-one, he withdrew from active business, having acquired an ample fortune by the fruits of his industry and judicious economy. To those who wish to know more of this remarkable man, we would refer them to an excellent Life of Judge Smith, written by John H. Morison, D.D., and published in 1845. He received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Dartmouth, 1804, from Cambridge in 1807. He m., 1st w., March 8, 1797, Eliza Ross, of Prince George County, Md. She d. June 19, 1827, æ. 59 yrs.; m., 2d w., Sept. 20, 1831, Elizabeth Hale, dau. of Hon. William Hale, of Dover. He d. Sept. 21, 1842, æ. 82 yrs., 9 mos.

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- 59 *Ariana*, b. Dec. 28, 1797; unm.; d. June 20, 1829, æ. 31 yrs., 6 mos.
- 60 *William*, b. Aug. 31, 1799; unm.; d. at Centreville, Miss., March 29, 1830, æ. 30 yrs., 6 mos., where he had gone for his health. He was graduated at Harvard University in 1817. He studied law, and practised his profession in Portsmouth, the last two or three years of his life, till his health failed. He represented the town of Exeter in the General Court in 1821, '22, '23.
- 61 *Jeremiah*, b. Aug. 20, 1802; drowned Sept. 26, 1808, æ. 6 yrs.
- 62 *Jeremiah*, b. July 14, 1837; m. *Hannah Webster*, of Dover. Was graduated at Harvard University, 1856; studied law, and was appointed, Oct. 16, 1867, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court in New Hampshire, which office he resigned in consequence of the failure of his health, January, 1874.
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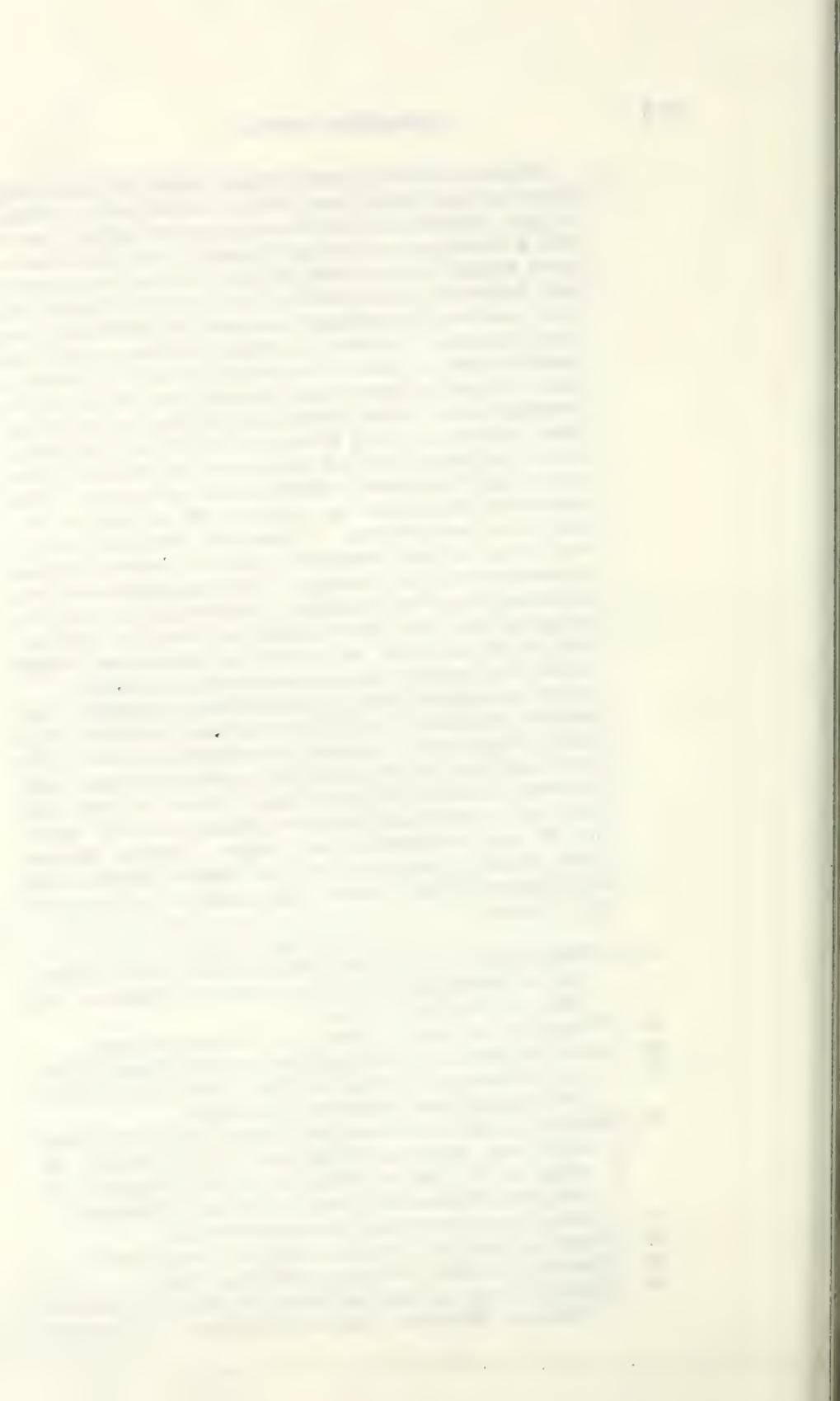
JONATHAN SMITH remained on the old homestead, and spent his life there. The farm was deeded to him, May 5, 1791, for which he was to support the parents, and also to see that John Scott was taken care of in a comfortable manner, and pay within a year after his decease twenty pounds to Elizabeth Morison, and also the same sum to Hannah Barker. The sons, John, James, Jeremiah, and Samuel, were cut off in his will with one dollar each. He was a deacon in the church, long a leader of the choir. He was selectman six years, 1799, 1800, '1, '2, '3, '4; representative to the General Court eight years, 1821, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, '27, '28.



He was a man of a strong mind, which had been long maturing, and he felt very little of the withering effects of age, although he had nearly reached eighty years. His knowledge was not very general, though he was a great reader; but on some subjects he was exceedingly well informed. His reading had taken a theological turn, and but few persons possessed his knowledge on these matters. He was a strong *Unitarian*, and was ready to give any man a reason for his faith. He was a man of kind affections and feelings, yet strong in his prejudices, and rather more ready to forgive an injury than to forget it. His life was a useful one, he having at various times held all the offices in the gift of the town; but it was mostly spent in the retirement of his own home, and in the management of his own affairs. He was a modest man. Those who remember him at the centennial will recollect with how much diffidence he presided on that occasion. The responsibility of the important trust of presiding disturbed his sleep for many nights. He, nevertheless, performed all the duties of the occasion well when the time came, which added very much to the success of the celebration.

He was a good man,—good without ostentation and without pretension; his life showed forth the man, for it was a living and preaching illustration of Jesus. He lived and died on the same spot on which he was born. He went down to his grave like a shock of corn fully ripe, with so pure and upright a character as falls to the lot of but few mortals here below. He m., August, 1792, Nancy Smith, dau. of John Smith. She d. May 13, 1847, æ. 74 yrs., 6 mos. He d. Aug. 29, 1842, æ. 79 yrs., 4 mos.

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- 63 *Betsey*, b. Feb. 3, 1795; m., Dec. 30, 1819, John Gordon; re. to Montebello, Ill., 1831; she d. in Hamilton, Ill., Aug. 12, 1845, æ. 50 yrs.
- 64 †*Jonathan*, b. Aug. 15, 1797; m. Hannah Payson.
- 65 *Mary*, b. May 17, 1799; m., Dec. 3, 1818, Timothy Fox; re. to Denmark, Iowa, in 1836. He d. and she d. Only one of their large family survived.
- 66 *William*, b. July 8, 1801; m., Oct. 9, 1838, Elizabeth, dau. John Stearns, of Jaffrey; r. La Harpe, Ill., where he d., Oct. 25, 1873, æ. 72 yrs.; four ch. survive, *viz.*, William H., Jonathan, Albert, Elizabeth.
- 67 †*John*, b. April 17, 1803; m. Susan Stearns.
- 68 *Nancy*, b. 1805; d. Aug. 23, 1808, æ. 3 yrs., 6 mos.
- 69 *Charlotte*, b. 1806; d. Sept. 9, 1808, æ. 2 yrs.
- 70 *Nancy*, b. Aug. 5, 1808; m., Sept. 21, 1840, Dr. John H. Foster, b. March 8, 1796, at Hillsboro. He received



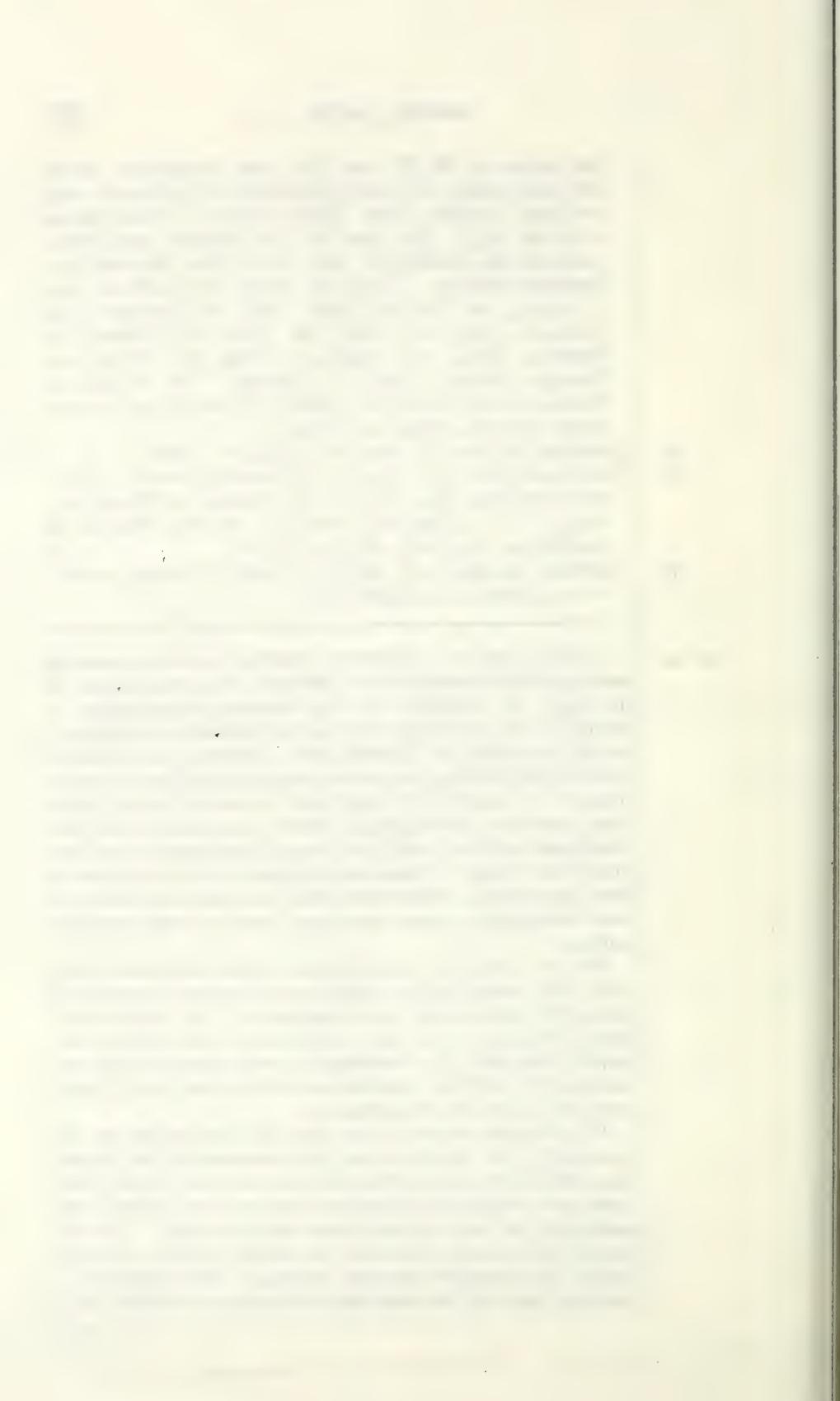
the degree of M. D. from the New Hampshire Medical Institution, 1821, and practised his profession first at New London, then Ashby, and at Dublin from 1828 to 1833. He then re. to Chicago, and relinquished his profession, and after that acquired an immense fortune. Three ch. living, (1) Clara, b. Jan. 1, 1844; m. Perkins Bass, Esq., of Chicago; (2) Julia, b. Aug. 22, 1846; m. Rev. Mr. Porter, of Racine, Wis.; (3) Adele, b. Aug. 31, 1851; m. George Adams, Esq., of Chicago. Dr. Foster d. from an injury received in being thrown from his carriage, May 17, 1874, æ. 78 yrs.

- 71 *Charlotte*, b. 1810; d. Aug. 10, 1825, æ. 15 yrs.  
 72 *Caroline*, b. Nov. 13, 1812; m. James Reynolds. He d. at Hannibal, Mo., 1873; ch., Anna, b. March 24, 1853; d. in Hannibal, 1873, æ. 20 yrs. She d. at La Harpe, Ill., July, 1875, æ. 62 yrs.  
 73 *Feremiah*, b. Sept. 15, 1815; m. Sarah Oatman; 2d w., —; lives in La Harpe, Ill.
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5- 40 SAMUEL SMITH. His early opportunities for education were probably better than of most of the young men of his day. In addition to the common advantages at home, he enjoyed longer or shorter periods of schooling at the academies at Exeter and Andover, and thereby fitted himself to become an accomplished talker, a ready debater on almost any topic, and a man of vastly more than common intelligence. When we add to this his courteous manners and gentlemanly deportment, and his great knowledge of mankind, together with a physique of fine proportions, and commanding and pleasant mien, we have altogether a man that does honor to our common nature.

He was a man of a strong and highly cultivated intellect, with exceedingly active and energetic powers, of quick perception and ready judgment. He was particularly distinguished for his colloquial powers, which were remarkable, and his conversation was always rich and instructive, and his ideas were clothed in singularly accurate and appropriate language.

It is not too much to say that, in the height of his prosperity, he exerted over the community an elevating and enlightening influence; that he was by his character and intelligence a public educator, and raised and sustained the tone of public sentiment in town. He was always particularly posted up in all the topics of the day, beside his extensive general reading. He delighted in politics, and had devoted much attention and study to it,



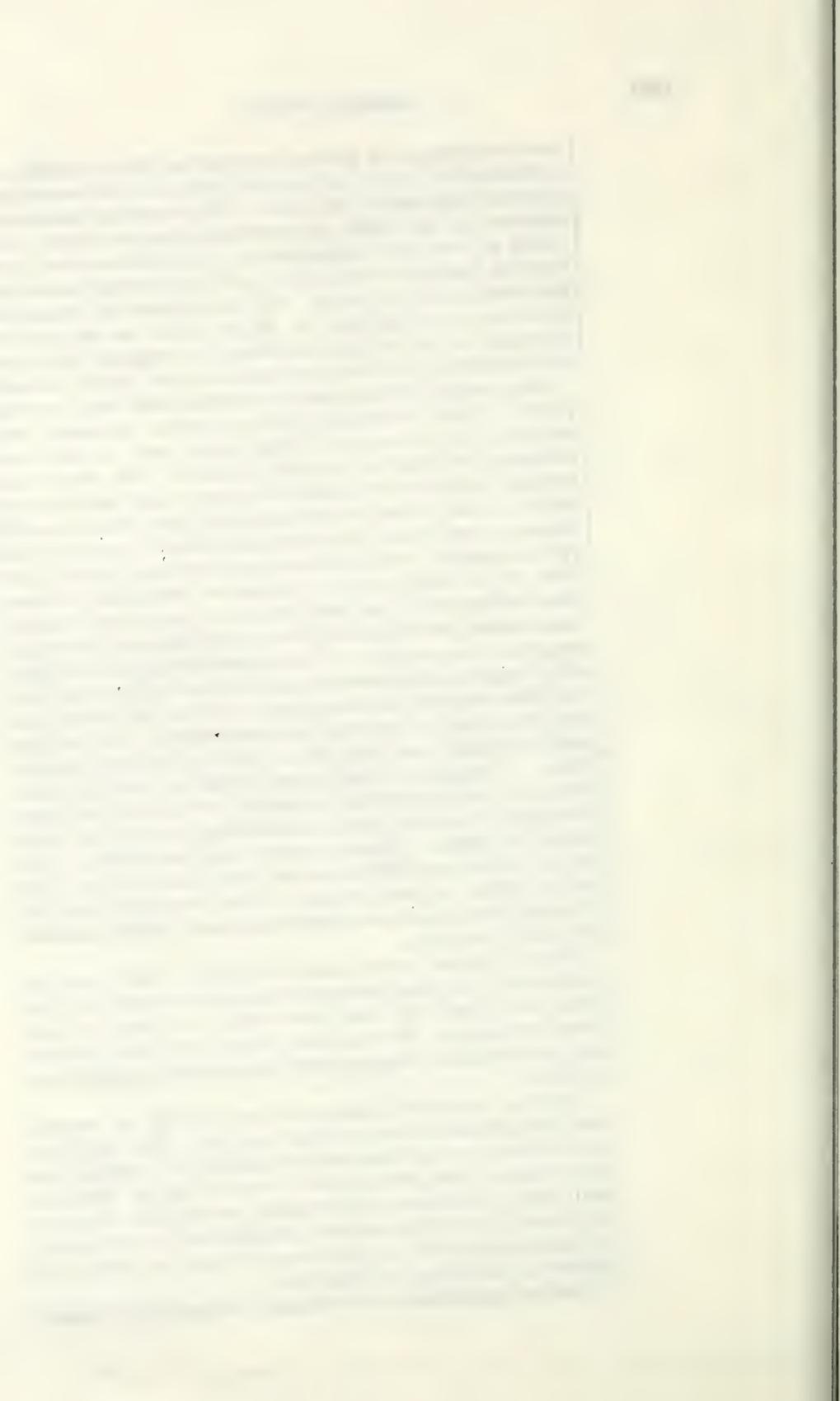
never wishing to be known by any other title than that of a Federalist of the old school, with all the unmerited reproach attached to the name. Of course he was much involved in the bitter controversies that so much prevailed in the first organization of the Democratic and Federal parties in our country, and did strong and effective service for his party. He was chosen to represent his district in Congress in 1813-15, but on account of the press of his private business, he resigned his seat, after attending the first session and a part of the second.

He possessed great business talents, and could accomplish a great undertaking with singular despatch and success ; but he scorned little things, and all care and economy of these he entirely ignored. He was in his element with fifty workmen at his beck, and with a great job of a dam or wall or embankment ; and no man could manage them more pleasantly and kindly than he, and yet accomplish such an immense amount of work ; and after all he was not an economical manager of these great enterprises ; the little things, so important in every undertaking, always more than counterbalanced the rapid progress of any work. He was persevering in the object which engaged his attention, but did not look to the end. He often seemed visionary, and many of his plans and projects came to an end half-completed. He was fair and honorable and upright in all his business transactions. Though he took great pride in making good bargains and profitable contracts, it was not so much through the love of gain, as exhibiting shrewdness, judgment, and talent. He was never very scrupulous if the bargain was not fulfilled to the letter, only so be it that he had made a good bargain. The consequence of all this was, that he never had things well done, however shrewdly projected.

He always had a nice sense of right. There are very few acts of his long business life on which you can lay your hand, and say that they were the result of any moral obliquity. He was kind, benevolent, and forbearing, in an eminent degree, with those who were dependent on him.

He was a man of uncommon equanimity of temper, and this followed him to the very last. He has been often heard to say that this equanimity of temper was the result of his own efforts ; that he began business with being fractious and irritable, but seeing the evils of it, and the difficulties and perplexities it occasioned, he schooled himself to this equable state of mind that followed him through all his life.

He had great faith in mankind ; he was never heard,



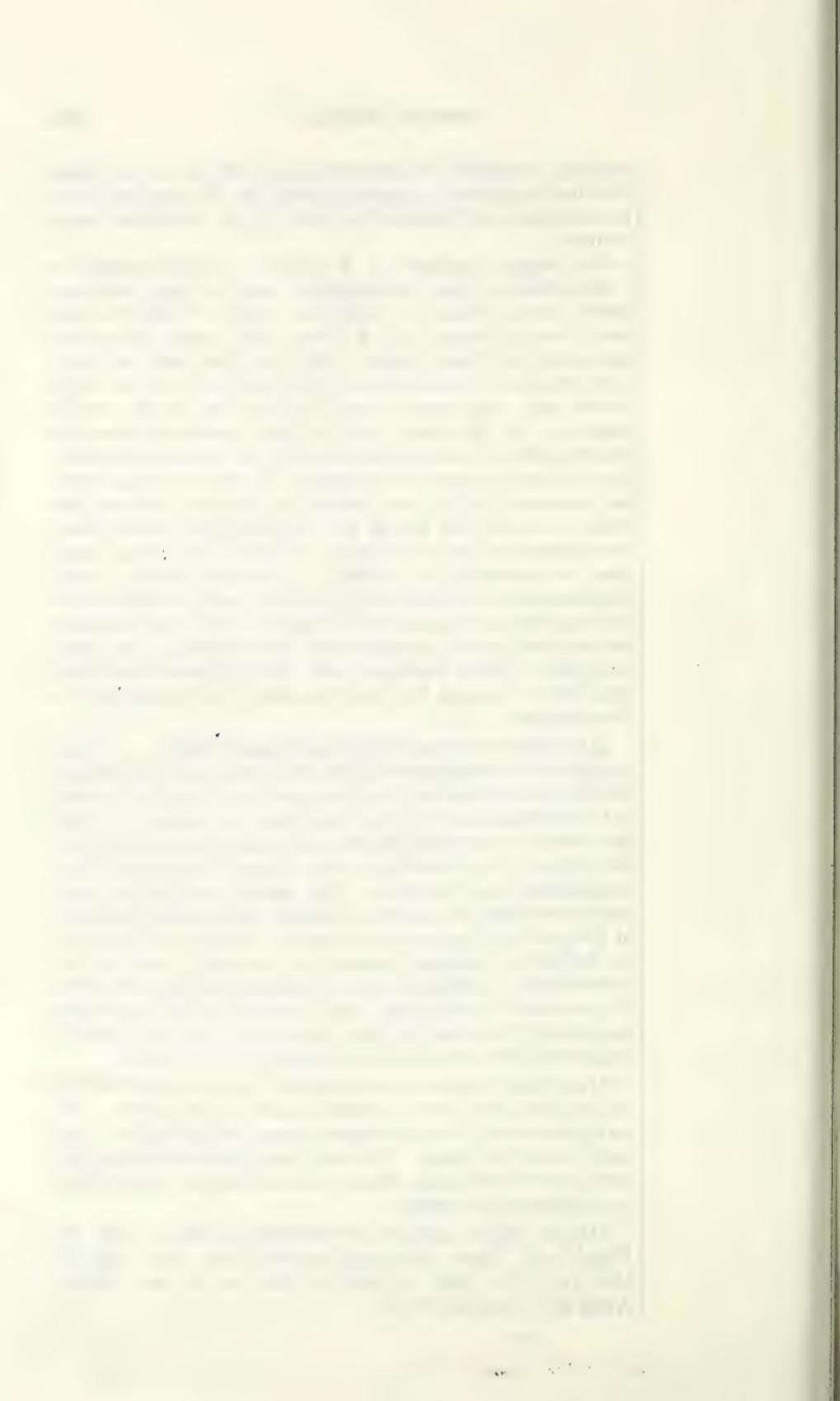
with all his hard experience in life, to rail at our race. He had acquired a great knowledge of mankind, and did not lose his respect for them by an extensive intercourse.

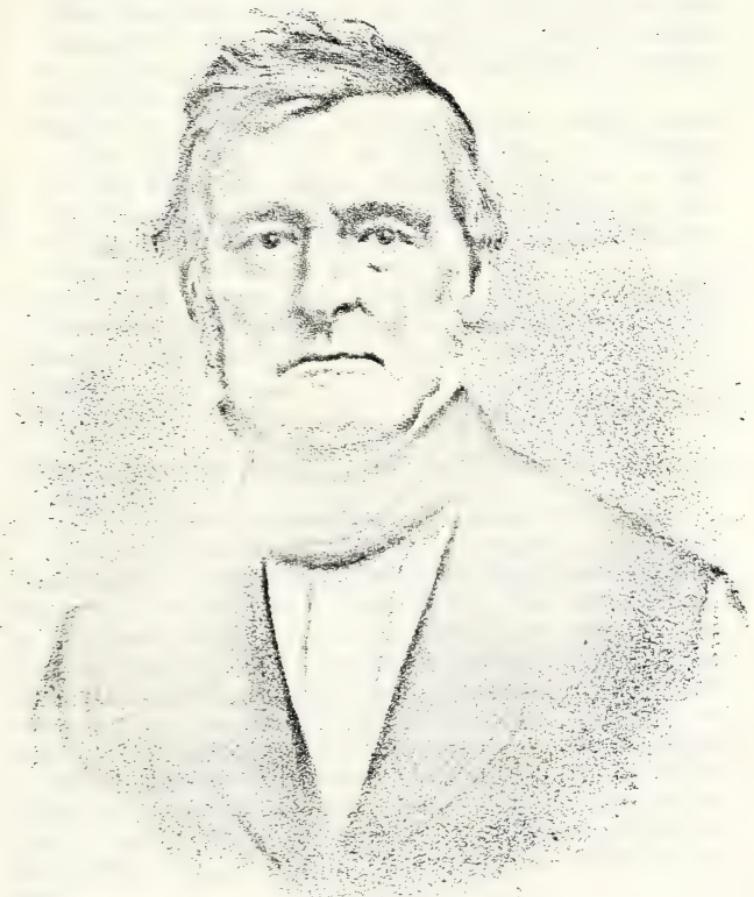
He began business as a trader in Peterborough in 1788, when he was twenty-three years of age, and was some years located at what was called "Carter's Corner," having there built a house and store, afterwards occupied by Oliver Carter. He built his mill in 1794, a building two hundred feet long, and two stories high, which was the wonder and admiration of the whole country. In the south end of this great structure he finished off a commodious dwelling into which he moved, Jan. 1, 1795, where he continued to live till 1805, when he removed to his new house on the east side of the river. He carried on, in this building, for many years, the business of paper-making, and had also at the same time in operation a saw-mill, a clothier's shop, a trip-hammer shop, a wool-carding machine, and an oil-mill, in addition to his trading and farming. All this occurred before the cotton manufacture commenced. He then engaged in this business, and the paper-manufacture was given up, and his great building was converted to this purpose.

It is what now constitutes the Phenix Factory. A part of this factory was burned, Dec. 18, 1828, and Mr. Smith, having a large interest in the same, and having permitted his insurance to run out, lost so much by this fire that he was obliged to close his business, and all his property in the village was divided into small portions and sold at auction. He never engaged in business after this, but devoted himself to hunting up files of the political papers of our early times, as preparatory to writing a political history of the early days of our government. But age crept on him too rapidly to admit of any such undertaking. All these valuable papers are now safely deposited in the Dartmouth College Library, and owned by the Northern Academy of Sciences.

He always took a deep interest in the municipal affairs of the town, and was a leading actor in the same. He was moderator for seventeen years, beginning in 1794 and ending in 1829. He may justly be considered the founder of the village, where not one single object exists to perpetuate his name.

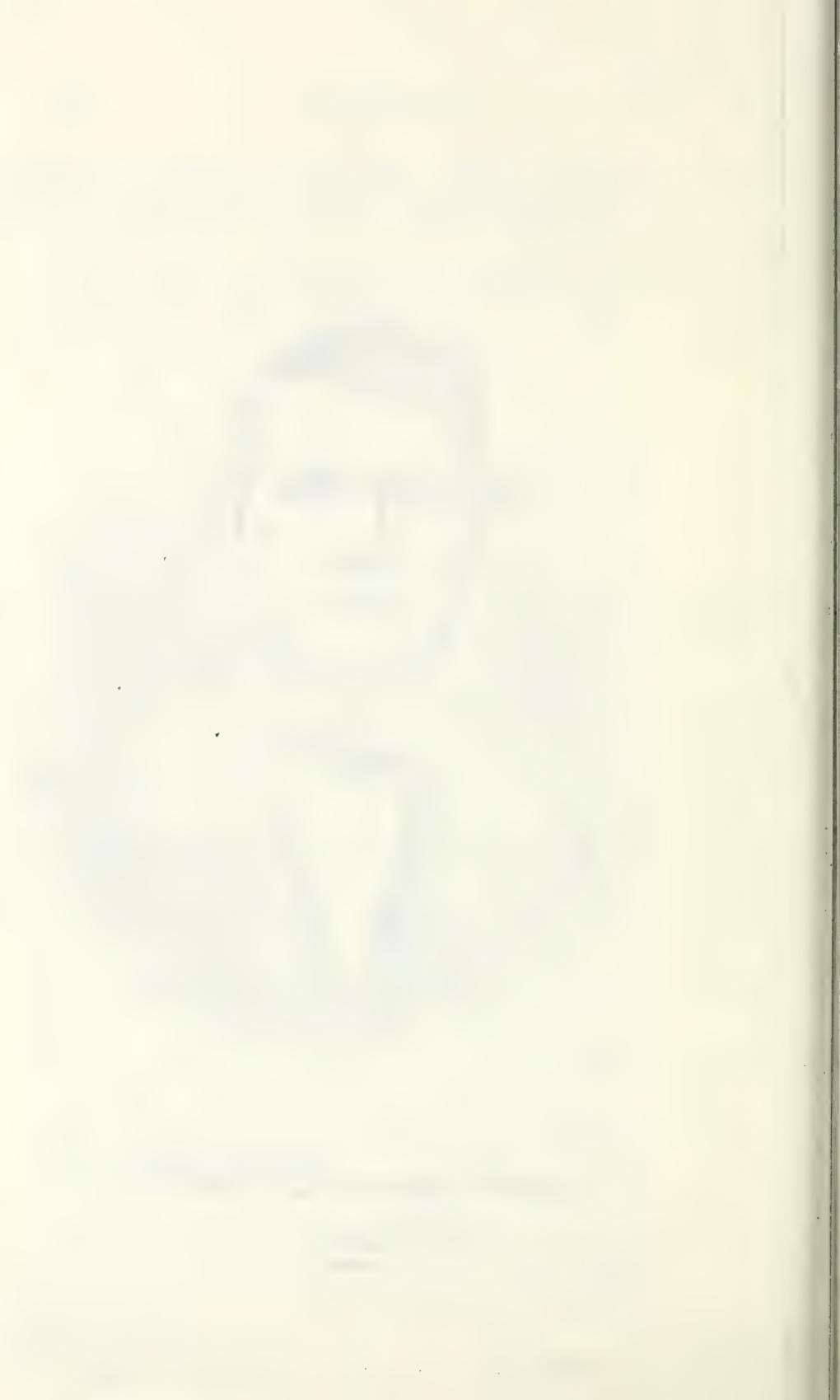
He m. Sally Garfield, of Fitchburg, Mass., dau. of Elijah and Jane Nichols Garfield, Nov. 10, 1793, b. Oct. 21, 1771. She d. Sept. 1, 1856, æ. 85 yrs. He d. April 25, 1842, æ. 76 yrs.





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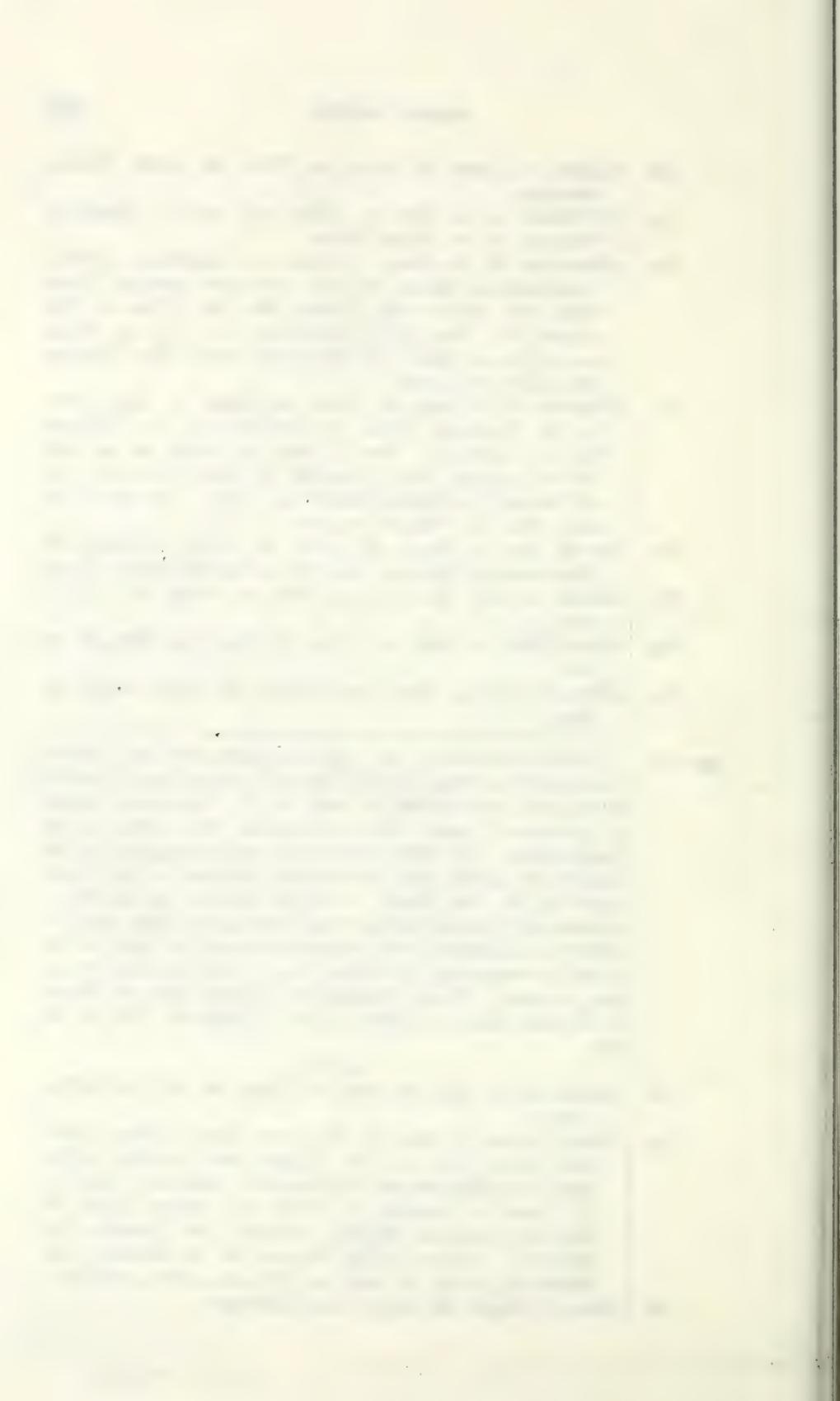




- 78 | *†Albert*, b. June 18, 1801; m., Feb. 26, 1828, Fidelia Stearns.
- 79 | *†William S.*, b. Dec. 14, 1802; m., 1st w., Margaret Stearns; 2d w., Mary Miller.
- 80 | *Alexander H.*, b. Aug. 5, 1804; m. Sophronia Bailey, Charlestown, Mass.; five ch.; only two survive, Jonathan, who lives in St. Louis, Mo., and Eliza, in Cincinnati, O. She d. in Cincinnati, O., July 15, 1848, æ. 43 yrs., 2 mos. He d. at St. Louis, Mo., November, 1858, æ. 54 yrs.
- 81 | *Elizabeth M.*, b. Aug. 8, 1806; m., Sept. 8, 1830, Rev. L. W. Leonard, D.D., of Dublin; ch., (1) William S.; (2) Ellen E. She d. Sept. 13, 1848, æ. 42 yrs. He m., 2d w., Mrs. Elizabeth D. Smith, Exeter, wid. of Samuel G. Smith, March 25, 1851. He d. at Exeter, Dec. 12, 1864, æ. 74 yrs.
- 82 | *Sarah Jane*, b. Sept. 16, 1808; m., 1843, Abraham W. Blanchard, of Boston; one ch., Catharine Ellen. He d.
- 83 | *Maria*, b. Aug. 30, 1810; d. May 19, 1812, æ. 1 yr., 8 mos.
- 84 | *Mary Soley*, b. Sept. 11, 1812; d. Aug. 14, 1822, æ. 10 yrs.
- 85 | *Ellen*, b. Jan. 23, 1815; m. William H. Smith, Sept. 13, 1843.

39—64 JONATHAN SMITH, Jr. He was graduated at Harvard University in 1819, studied law with Hon. Levi Lincoln, Worcester, and settled in Bath, N. H. He soon became a prominent man. He represented the town in the Legislature. He was a promising and rising man at the time of his death, and had already attained a high legal standing in the State. Always slender in health, a pulmonary disease became fastened upon him, which a winter's residence in the warm climate of the West Indies failed to remove or alleviate; he d. Aug. 10, 1840, æ. 42 yrs., 11 mos. He m. Hannah P. Payson, dau. of Moses P. Payson, Esq., of Bath. She d. May 18, 1838, æ. 28 yrs.

- 86 | *Ariana E.*, b. May 29, 1831; d. Sept. 20, 1837, æ. 6 yrs., 3 mos.
- 87 | *Moses Payson*, b. May 29, 1833; m., Dec. 6, 1869, Catharine Smith, dau. of Dr. Albert and Fidelia Smith; have r. in Marion and Montezuma, Ind., and Tuscola, Ill.; now in Newark, O.; three ch., Anna Perley, b. Sept. 19, 1871, at Marion; Albert, b. at Tuscola, Ill., March 3, 1873; Edith Payson, b. in Newark, O., March 16, 1876; d. Aug. 4, 1876, æ. 4 mos., 18 dys.
- 88 | *Henry*, b. Sept. 18, 1835; d. at Chicago.



89 *William H.*, b. Aug. 29, 1837; d. July 27, 1845, æ. 7 yrs., 10 mos.

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39- 67 JOHN SMITH. He succeeded his father on the home-  
stead. He has held important offices in town,—was selectman 1838, '39, '40, and Representative in 1859, '60. He is one of the deacons in the Congregational (Unitarian) Church. He sold his farm in 1873, and removed to the village, where he now lives. He m., Sept. 2, 1834, Susan, dau. John Stearns, of Jaffrey, b. May 30, 1809. She d. Jan. 9, 1870, æ. 60 yrs.

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90 *Mary Frances*, b. Jan. 7, 1836; r. Chicago.

91 *John S.*, b. Nov. 27, 1837; m. ——; r. Chicago.

92 *Jonathan*, b. May 26, 1840; d. July 30, 1841, æ. 1 yr., 2 mos.

93 *Jonathan*, b. Oct. 21, 1842; graduate Dartmouth College, 1870. Studied law, and is now practising in Manchester.

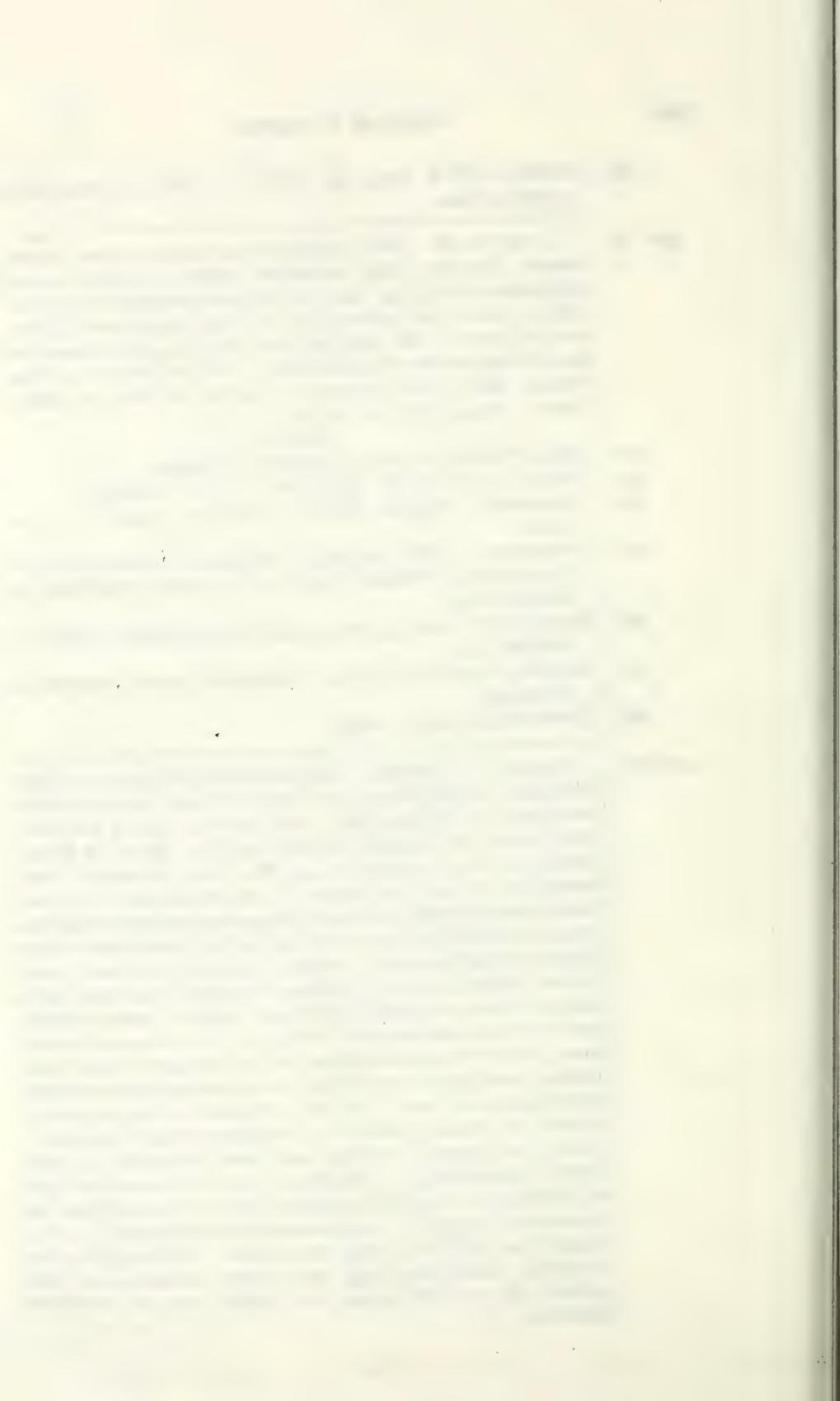
94 *Susan P.*, b. Oct. 13, 1844; m., 1873, Eugene Lewis; r. Moline, Ill.

95 *Caroline*, b. March 3, 1847; teacher in public schools in Chicago.

96 *Jeremiah*, b. July 2, 1852.

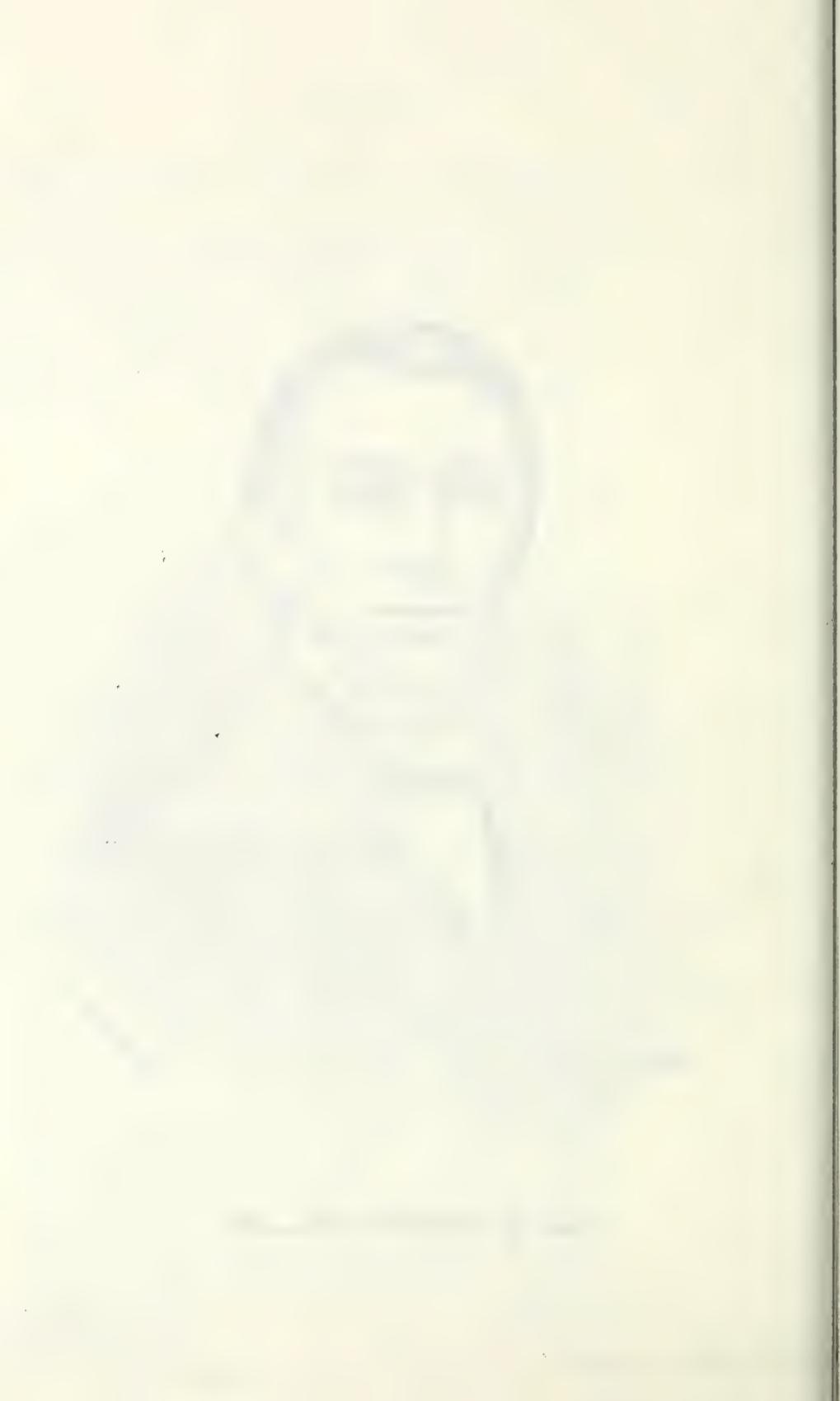
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40- 77 SAMUEL G. SMITH. He was first the agent of the Phoenix Cotton Factory in Peterborough, afterwards of a factory at Warren, Md., and lastly at South Berwick, Me., where his health entirely failed. He d. at Peterborough, Sept. 9, 1842, æ. 43 yrs., of a bronchial consumption, in the very vigor of his manhood. He had been absent from Peterborough some twelve or fourteen years, and returned on a visit but a few weeks before the dread summons came. Most of his life had been spent in the manufacture of cotton, in which business he is said to have acquired great skill, and to have equalled the best manufacturers of his day. He was a self-made man; his early opportunities for an education had been limited, and had there been no self-culture, there would have been no man. By his own, and almost unaided, efforts, he made himself a mathematician, became a great and general reader, and had acquired a large fund of knowledge. He was a man of rare excellence of character, of great purity of life,—the very soul of honor and integrity. His memory is embalmed in many hearts that will not soon forget him. He bore his last sickness, which was long, with great fortitude, and died calmly, in the firm hope of a better state of existence hereafter.





Sam'l Abbot Smith



He m., 1st w., Sarah D. Abbot, dau. of Rev. Abiel Abbot, D.D., b. June 22, 1801. She d. June 11, 1831, æ. 30 yrs. He m., 2d w., Elizabeth Dow, dau. of Jeremiah Dow, of Exeter, who survived him, and m., 2d hus., Rev. L. W. Leonard, D.D., of Dublin, March 25, 1851.

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97 *Samuel Abbot*, b. April 18, 1829.

He was graduated at Harvard University in 1849, and was prepared for the ministry at the Cambridge Divinity School, and settled over the Unitarian society in Arlington, June 27, 1854, where he remained till his death. He d. of a malarious fever contracted at Norfolk, Va., where he had gone on missionary service to the army. He returned with the fever upon him, and d. May 20, 1865, æ. 36 yrs.

He was a man of rare excellence of character, and was greatly esteemed as an able and sympathizing pastor. His people manifested the most sincere sorrow and regret at his death, and look back to him as one of the sainted ones of the earth. He was cut off in his prime and in the midst of his greatest usefulness. Soon after his death, a beautiful volume, entitled *Christian Lessons and a Christian Life*, containing an extended biography and numerous extracts from his writings, was published by Prof. E. J. Young.

He m., June 27, 1854, Maria Edes, dau. of Samuel and Maria Edes; ch., (1) Abbot E., b. Sept. 20, 1855; (2) Maria Ellen, b. Feb. 13, 1857; (3) George A., b. Oct. 15, 1861; (4) Samuel H., b. April 5, 1864.

98 *Ellen Parker*, b. July 12, 1837; d. at Exeter.

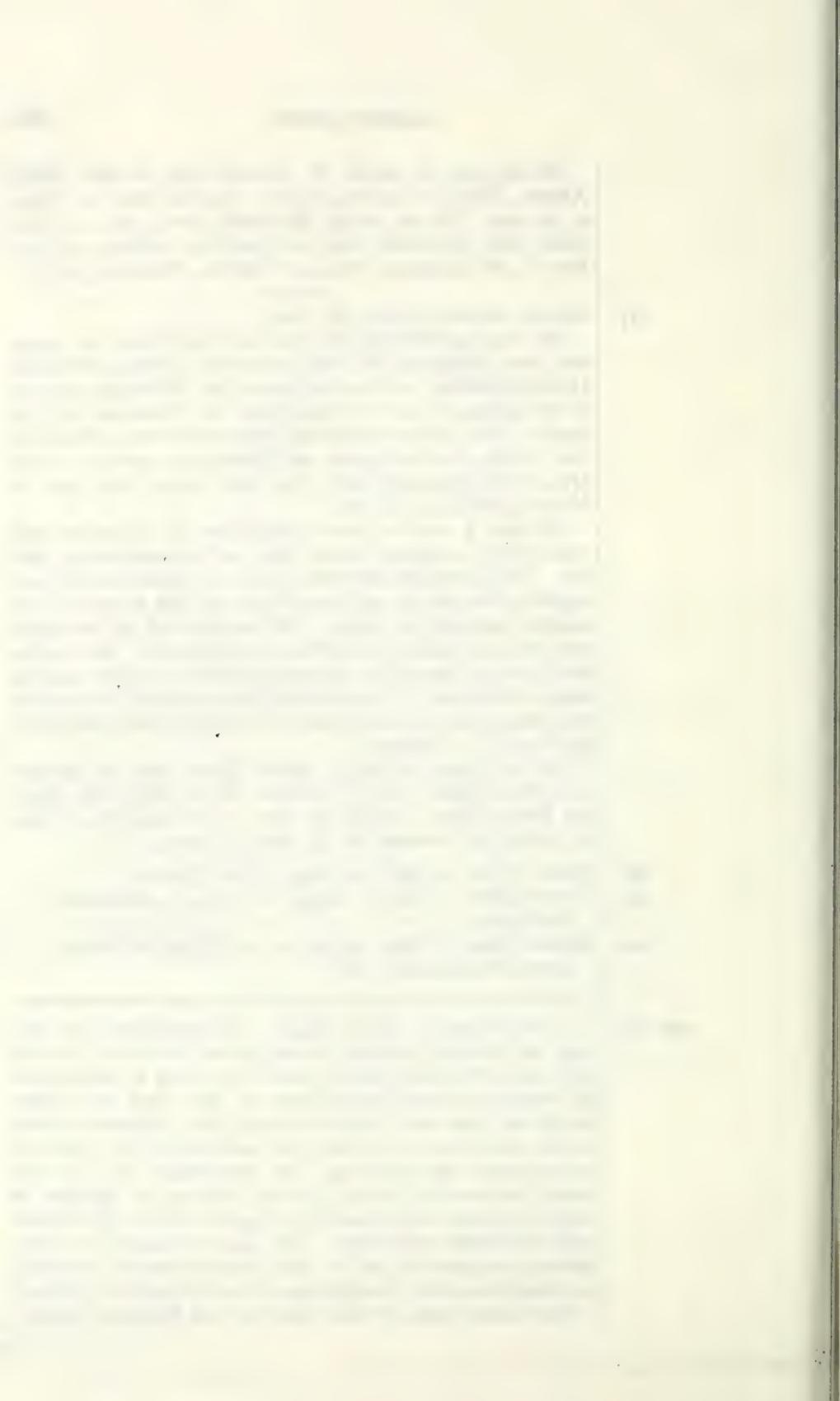
99 *Sarah Abbot*, b. July 7, 1839; m. John L. Dearborn; r. St. Louis.

100 *Ednah Dow*, b. May 12, 1841; m. Knight Cheney; r. South Manchester, Ct.

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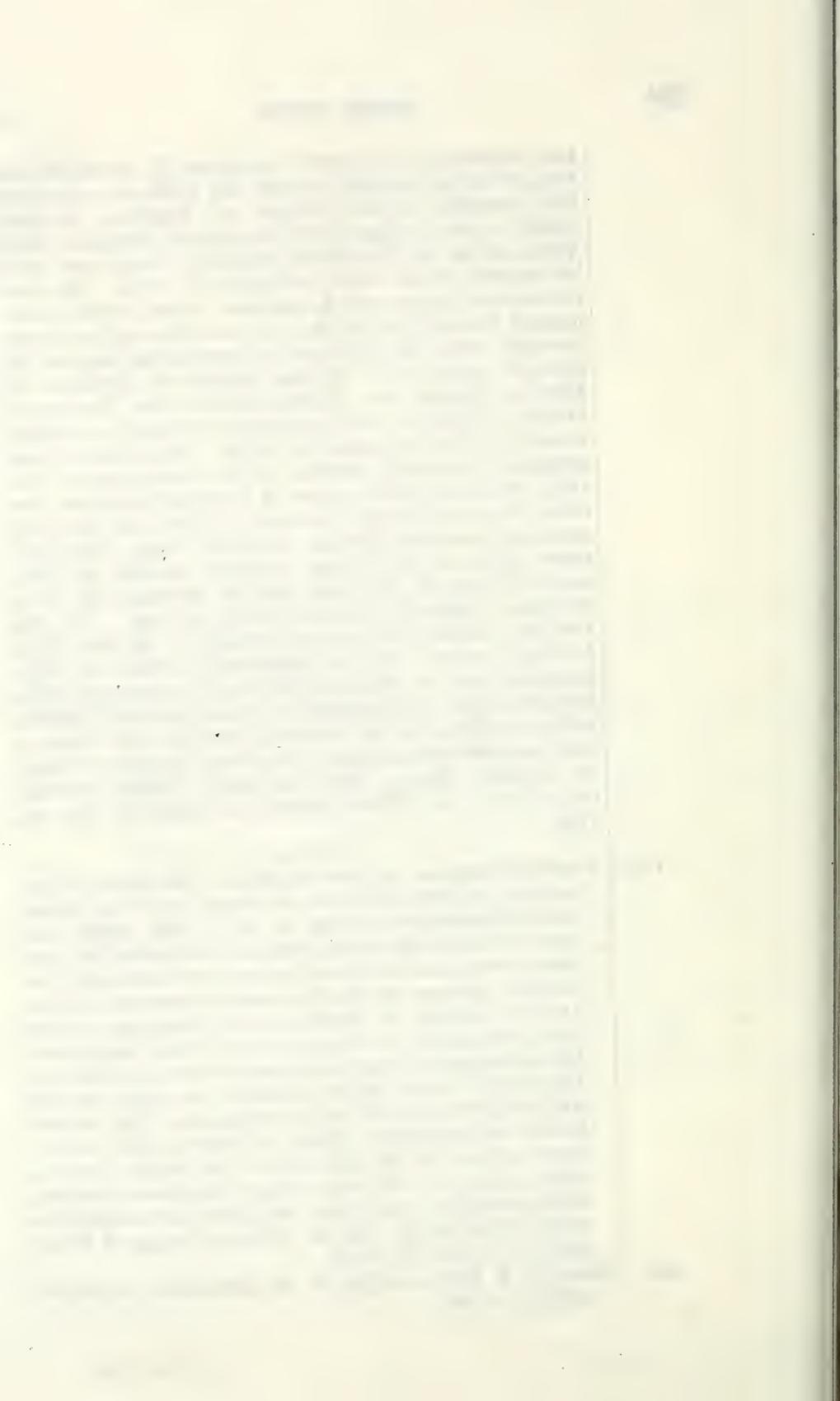
40- 78 ALBERT SMITH, M.D., LL.D. He was fitted for college at Groton Academy, from twelve to fifteen years of age, and, returning home, there was such a depression of business succeeding the war of 1812 that his father could not then send him to college, and he went to work in his cotton-factory, where he continued five years to superintend the spinning. In September, 1821, he entered Dartmouth College, having kept up his studies as well as he could by himself during this interval, without any additional schooling. He was graduated in 1825, having assigned to him in the commencement exercises an oration on the "Navigation of the Connecticut River."

For a few years, he was clerk of the Phœnix Factory,



and assisted in his father's business till his failure in 1829, when he decided to study the medical profession. He attended medical lectures at Bowdoin Medical School, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, and at the Dartmouth Medical College, and took his degree at the latter institution in 1833. He first commenced business in Leominster, Mass., where he remained from 1833 to 1838, and then removed to Peterborough, where he continued his practice as long as his strength permitted. He was appointed Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Dartmouth Medical College in 1849, where he continued to lecture annually till his resignation in 1870. He has since been appointed professor *emeritus* of the same branch. In 1857, he delivered his course of lectures before the Vermont Medical College, Castleton, Vt., and also the same course at Bowdoin Medical School in 1859. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on him by Dartmouth College in 1870, and also an honorary M. D. by the Rush Medical College, Chicago, in 1875. He has also been elected an honorary member of the New York Medical Society. He has published a lecture on Hippocrates, also one on Paracelsus and a commemorative discourse upon the death of Dr. Amos Twitchell, besides various articles in the medical journals from time to time, and the transactions of the New Hampshire Medical Society. He m. Feb. 26, 1828, Fidelia Stearns, dau. of John and Chloe Stearns, of Jaffrey, b. Oct. 25, 1799.

- 101 *Frederick Augustus*, b. June 18, 1830. He was fitted for college at New Hampton Academy, and was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1852. His habits and tastes leading him to the medical profession, he pursued it with much zeal and earnestness, attending his medical lectures at the Dartmouth Medical College and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, and taking his degree at the former institution. He subsequently spent one year at the hospitals on Blackwell's Island as an assistant, by which he had well prepared himself for his profession. He located himself at Leominster, Mass., in August, 1856, and d. there suddenly of an affection of the heart, Dec. 20, 1856, æ. 26 yrs. He was a highly cultivated, refined, and promising young man, and bade fair to make his mark in the world. He m. Frances Gregg, of Belleville, N.J., June 18, 1856.
- 102 *Susan S.*, b. Feb. 4, 1832; d. at Leominster, April 20, 1836, æ. 4 yrs.



103 | *Catharine*, b. Dec. 5, 1837; m., Dec. 6, 1869, M. Payson Smith; ch., (1) Anna Perley, b. Sept. 19, 1871, at Marion, Ind.; (2) Albert, b. March 3, 1873, at Tuscobia, Ill.; (3) Edith, b. Newark, O., March 16, 1876; d. Aug. 4, 1876, æ. 4 mos., 18 dys; r. Newark, O.

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40- 79 | WILLIAM SYDNEY SMITH, a paper-maker at Peterborough, and in 1829 at Belleville, Canada West. He returned to Peterborough, and has remained here since. All his children were b. in Canada. He m., 1st w., Nov. 18, 1834, Margaret Stearns, b. March 18, 1805. She d. in Belleville, March 20, 1851, æ. 46 yrs.; m., 2d w., in Peterborough, Mary Miller, dau. of Matthew Gray. He d. at Peterborough, Sept. 26, 1875, æ. 72 yrs.

104 | *William A.*, b. in Belleville, Feb. 9, 1836; m. Augusta Frances Ames, dau. of Joseph H. and Mary Melvin Ames, Oct. 9, 1865. He d. by an accidental discharge of a musket, in Nebraska, Feb. 24, 1870, æ. 34 yrs.; ch., (1) Margaret Ellen, b. Oct. 3, 1866; (2) Frederick W., b. Feb. 23, 1869.

105 | *Samuel G.*, b. Belleville, April 20, 1838; m. Dora Bascom, of Jaffrey. A jeweller and watch-maker in Boston; two ch., Kate and Dexter.

106 | *Fosiah P.*, b. Belleville, Oct. 20, 1840. Killed in battle at Fort Hudson, 1863, æ. 23 yrs.

107 | *Sydney S.*, b. Belleville, Feb. 8, 1843; d. at Alton, Ill., July 9, 1871, æ. 28 yrs., 5 mos.

108 | *Elizabeth Ellen*, b. Belleville, May 19, 1845; m. Samuel Reeder; r. Topeka, Kansas.

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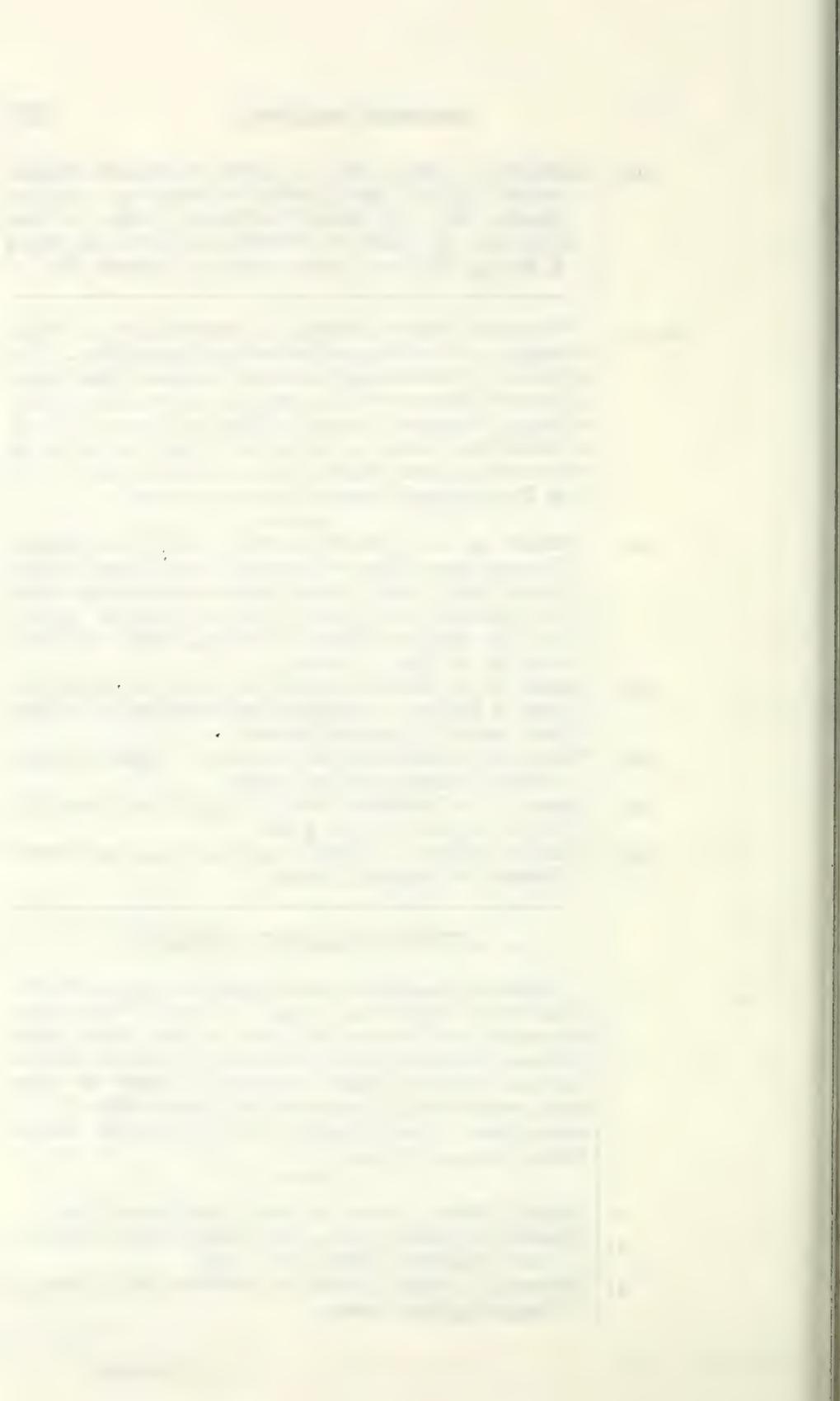
### THE SPALDING FAMILY.

1 | JEREMIAH SPALDING came to town in 1799; m. Mehitable Pearly, September, 1799. He was a blacksmith. He settled on Sharon line, south of the Shedd farm. His dwelling-house was in Peterborough, and his shop in Sharon. He did a great business at his trade for some years, and in 1832 he removed to Griffin's Mills, N. Y., and d. there. He d. March 31, 1858, æ. 83 yrs. She d. Feb. 5, 1854, æ. 75 yrs.

2 | *Betsey*, b. Sept. 3, 1800; d. Nov. 8, 1821, æ. 21 yrs.

3 | *Charlotte*, b. Feb. 8, 1803; m. Henry Moore, Aug. 21, 1822; r. Griffin's Mills, N. Y., 1832.

4 | *Jeremiah*, b. May 2, 1806; d. Griffin's Mills, Sept. 2, 1849, æ. 43 yrs., 8 mos.



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| 5 | <i>John Milton,</i>       | } | d. in Wisconsin,<br>March, 1855, æ.<br>45 yrs.        |
| 6 | <i>Benjamin Franklin,</i> |   | d. at Peterbor-<br>ough, April 4,<br>1828, æ. 18 yrs. |

## THE SPOFFORD FAMILY.

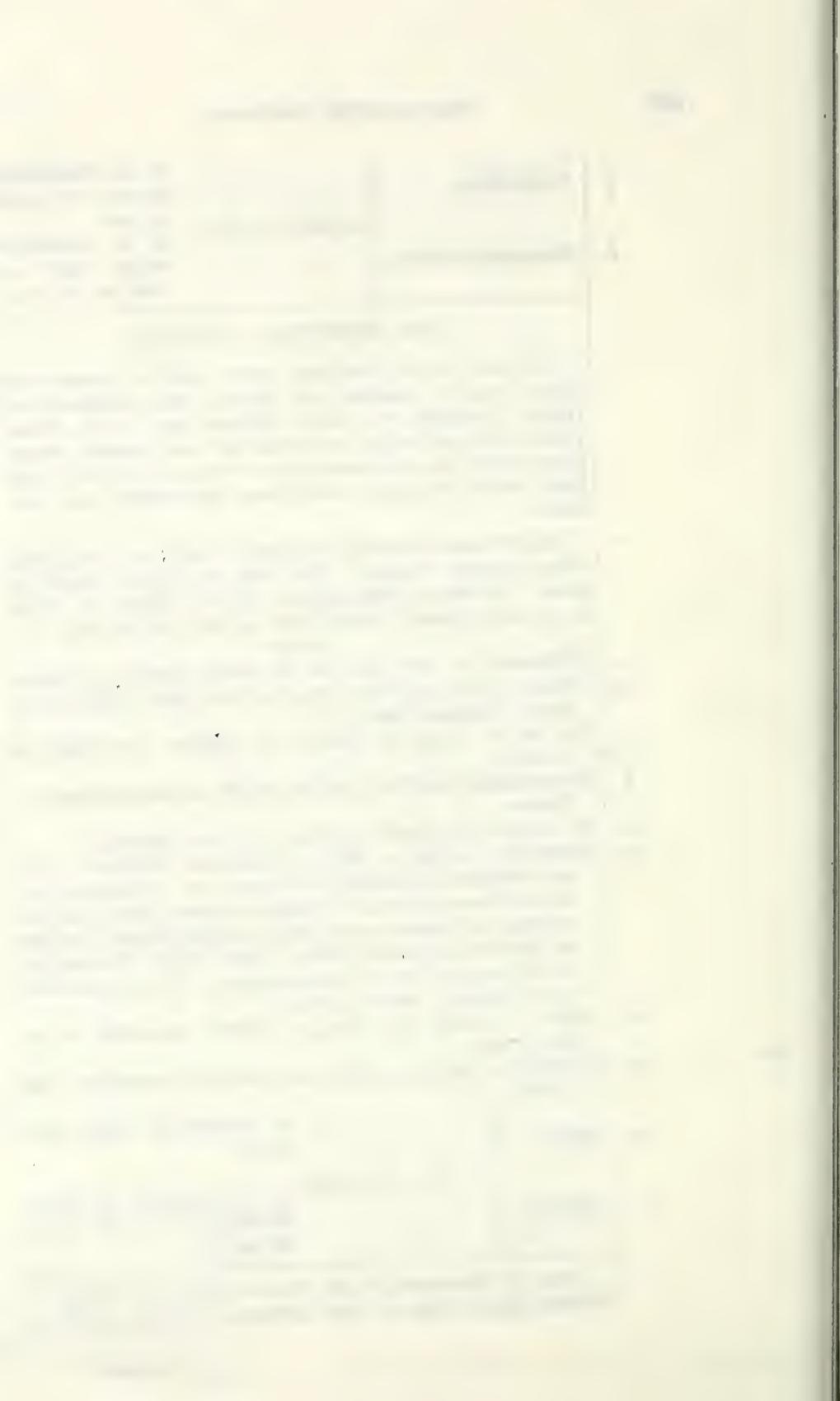
IRA and JOHN SPOFFORD were sons of Amos and Mary Taggart Spofford, of Sharon, and grandsons of Abijah Spofford, who re. to Sharon late in life, about 1780. He probably lived with his son Samuel, whose farm was in the north-east part of the town, on very high land, which has long since been abandoned as a residence.

- IRA SPOFFORD** was b. in Sharon, Sept. 11, 1797; m. 1820, Marion Atwood. He lived in various places in town. He was a stone-mason. He d. March 7, 1869, æ. 71 yrs., 5 mos. She d. Jan. 15, 1875, æ. 74 yrs.

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**William W.**, b. Nov. 8, 1820; m. Sarah Barnes; r. Boston.  
**Nancy**, b. Oct. 24, 1822; m., 1st hus., John Challis; 2d hus., Thomas Upton.  
**Ira A.**, b. Aug. 15, 1824; m. Sabrina Twitchell, of Dublin.  
**Nathan Henry**, b. Oct. 3, 1826; m. M. A. Buckingham; r. Boston.  
**M. Augusta**, b. April 12, 1829; m. Fred Farwell.  
**George W.**, b. Aug. 9, 1831; m. Hannah Morrison. He was educated at Exeter Academy; was superintendent of the Foster School, Chicago, fourteen years, and on retiring he became a real estate dealer, under the firm of Spofford, Byrne & Drake, Real Estate Dealers, in which business he is now engaged. He continues to r. in Chicago; one ch. living.  
**John L.**, b. Sept. 22, 1834; d. March 18, 1862, æ. 27 yrs., 5 mos.  
**Elizabeth**, b. Aug. 15, 1836; m. Joseph Alexander. He d. 1873.  
**Albert**, } d. March 28, 1839, æ. 3 mos.  
  
**Alvah A.**, } b. Dec. 18, 1838; m. Ada Luthers; d. Providence, R. I., April, 1869, æ. 30 yrs.

JOHN T. SPOFFORD, b. in Sharon, May 28, 1807; m. Submit Barnes, dau. of Asa Barnes, of Sharon, April 5,



- 1828, b. in Sharon, Jan. 4, 1808. He lived on the Boynton place, near the Samuel Morison farm. He d. March 7, 1869, æ. 61 yrs., 9 mos.
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- 12 *John W.*, b. July 28, 1829; d. April 12, 1830, æ. 8 mos.  
 13 *Caroline A.*, b. April 5, 1831; m. Charles Emery, of Jaffrey, Sept. 1, 1861; she d. Dec. 23, 1867, æ. 36 yrs., 8 mos.; r. Jaffrey.
- 14 *Joseph H.*, b. March 13, 1833; m. Ellen A. Hunt, Nov. 25, 1858; r. Dublin. She d. Oct. 27, 1875, æ 39 yrs., 6 mos.
- 15 *William C. B.*, b. April 21, 1835; m. Alice E. Sander-  
son, of Bridgewater, Vt., Sept. 17, 1862; r. Harris-  
ville.
- 16 *James S.*, b. Jan. 23, 1837; m., Dec. 10, 1861, Sarah W. Stacy. He d. Aug. 31, 1864, æ. 27 yrs., 7 mos. She d. in childbirth, Feb. 16, 1865.
- 17 *John W.*, b. May 3, 1839; d. in the army, Sept. 5, 1862.
- 18 *Longley F.*, b. Aug. 30, 1841; m., July 3, 1872, Edith Creighton.
- 19 *Melissa M.*, b. Aug. 31, 1843; m., July, 1864, Lorin B. Kendall, of Westminster, Mass.; r. Clinton, Mass.
- 20 *Harriet E.*, b. July 18, 1845; m., Nov. 10, 1866, Charles Lombard, Westminster, Mass.; r. Westminster.
- 21 *Marcellus E.*, b. Dec. 13, 1847; m., Dec. 13, 1872, Abbie E. Robbins, of Harrisville; r. Harrisville.
- 22 *Charles H.*, b. Nov. 5, 1850; m., May 1, 1872, Clara Raymond, of Keene; r. Conklingville, N. Y.
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## THE SPRING FAMILY.

1 CONVERSE SPRING was brother to Dr. Marshall Spring, of Watertown, who bought his farm for him about 1780, at which time Converse re. to town. It was the farm begun and long occupied by Deacon Samuel Moore. His wife's name was Mary, the surname unknown. He d. April 13, 1812, æ. 77 yrs. She d. May 23, 1804, æ. 60 yrs.

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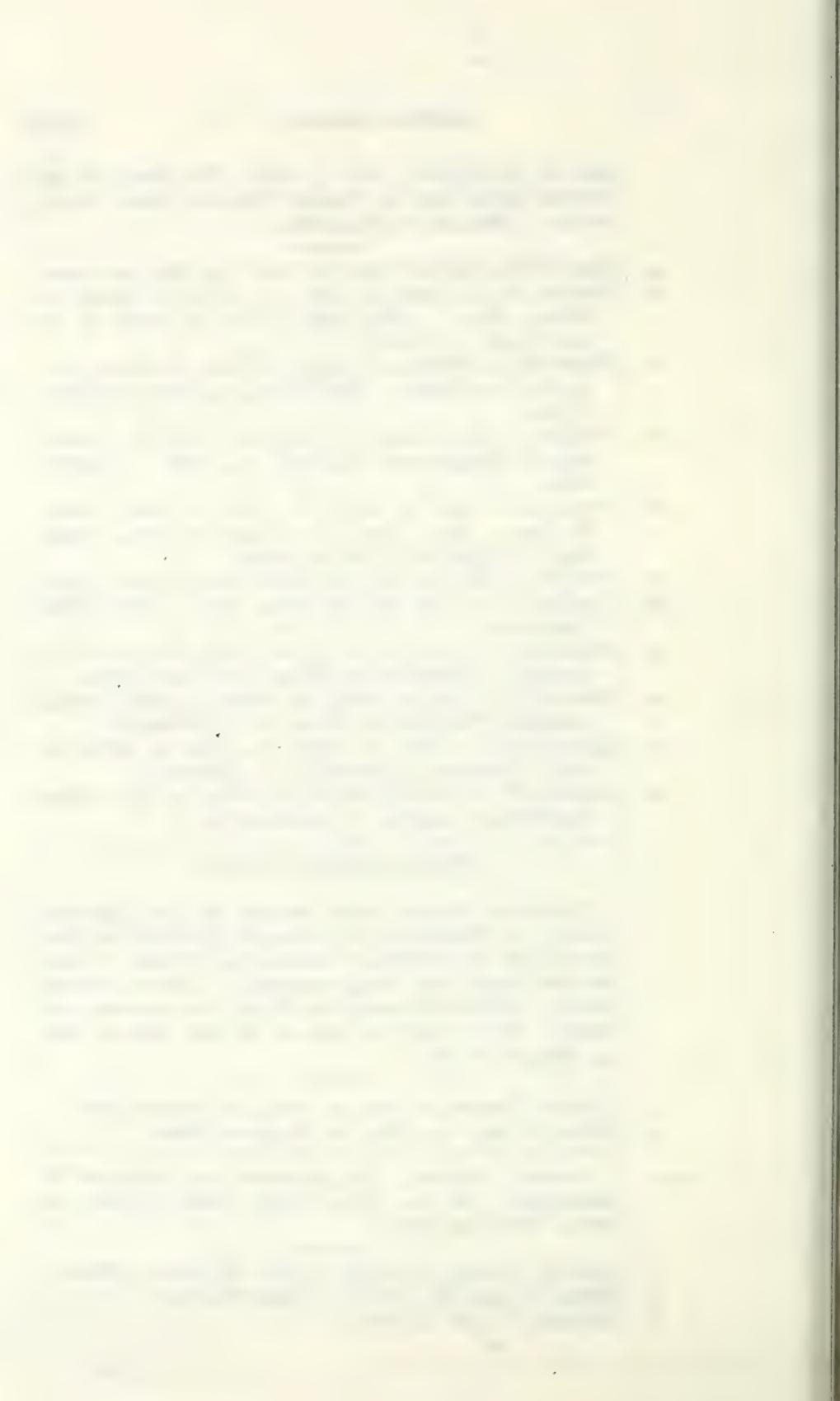
2 †*Josiah Converse*, b. June 29, 1764; m. Betsey Clark.  
 3 †*Silas*, b. Aug. 13, 1766; m. Margaret Stuart.

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1- 2 JOSIAH C. SPRING. He succeeded his father on the homestead. He m., 1784, Betsey Clark, b. Aug. 10, 1764. He d. and she d.

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4 *Liba G.*, b. April 17, 1785; d. Feb. 24, 1870, in Penn.  
 5 *Betsey*, b. June 28, 1787; m. Robert Morison.  
 6 *Alpheus*, b. Sept. 12, 1789.



- 7 | *Converse M.*, b. Sept. 11, 1791.  
 8 | *Sarah G.*, b. July 16, 1796; m., Oct. 12, 1824, Daniel Bickford.  
 9 | *Mary Ann*, b. June 9, 1799; m., Sept. 23, 1823, Jona. Persons; d. April 19, 1870, æ. 70 yrs., 10 mos.  
 10 | *Horace B.*, b. Sept. 14, 1802.  
 11 | *John C.*, b. July 16, 1804; d. Feb. 6, 1854, at Wilton, æ. 50 yrs.  
 12 | *Amelia M.*, b. Dec. 12, 1809; m. George Smith.
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I- 3 | **SILAS SPRING.** He lived on the East Mountain, where he began a new place. He m. Margaret Stuart, dau. of Thomas Stuart. She d. May 27, 1858, æ. 87 yrs. He d. Nov. 16, 1839, æ. 73 yrs. He began with nothing and left a good estate.

- 13 | *Thomas*, b. Feb. 20, 1795; m. Mary A. Sprague, Sept. 18, 1818. Two ch., Jane A. and George M. He d. at Goffstown, Aug. 25, 1864, æ. 69 yrs.  
 14 | *Sally*, b. Oct. 27, 1797; unm.  
 15 | *Mary*, b. Dec. 21, 1799; m. Joshua Bailey, March 2, 1824.  
 16 | *Eliza*, b. July 3, 1806; d. April 9, 1829, æ. 22 yrs., 9 mos.
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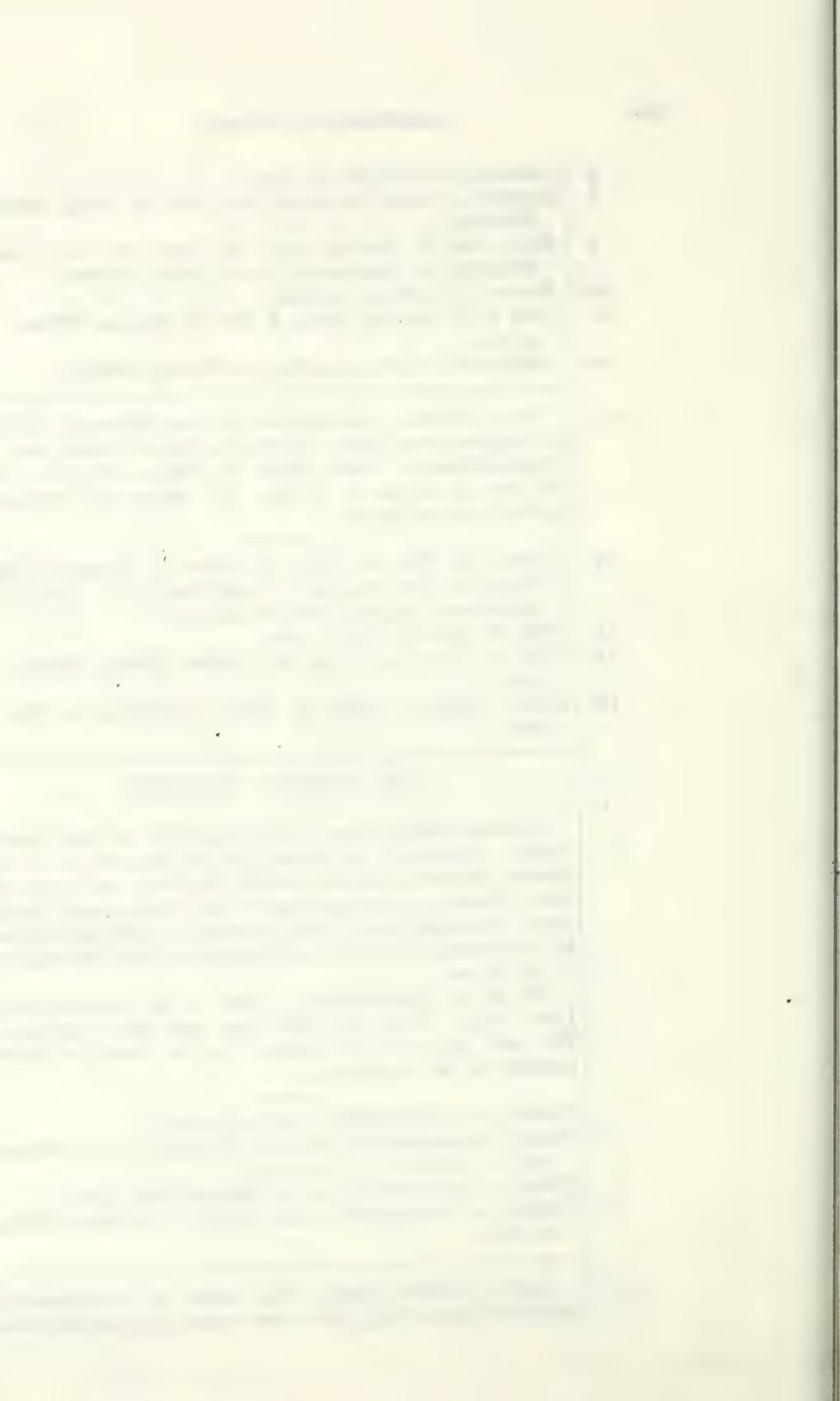
### THE STEELE FAMILY.

I | THOMAS STEELE was the progenitor of the Steele family. He was b. in Ireland about 1694, m., in 1715, Martha Morison, dau. of Samuel Morison, and sister to John Morison, the progenitor of the Peterborough Morisons. He emigrated to this country in 1718, and settled in Londonderry in 1719, and was one of the first settlers of that town.

He d. in Londonderry. She d. in Londonderry, June, 1738. They had four sons and two daughters. We have been able to account for the sons, but know nothing of the daughters.

- 2 | *Thomas*, b. Londonderry, Dec. 25, 1721.  
 3 | *James*, b. Londonderry, March 25, 1724; re. to Antrim, and d. 1818 or '19, æ. 102 yrs.  
 4 | *John*, b. Londonderry; re. to Western New York.  
 5 | †*David*, b. Londonderry, Jan. 30, 1727; m. Janet Little, in 1751.
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I- 5 | DAVID STEELE (Capt.). He came to Peterborough, probably, about 1763; his name occurs first on the town



records in 1765, as selectman, which office he held six years, to 1780, and was moderator in 1786, '87. He was on the Committee of Safety two years, 1776 and '78, which is a full endorsement of his patriotism in those times. He began his place in town, the "Gen. John Steele farm," and raised a large and influential family. \* He m. Janet Little, sister of Thomas Little, Sen.; † she was b. in Ireland in 1729; first resided in Lunenburg, 1738, and then, on marriage, removed to Londonderry and lived there ten years; then, after the birth of three or four children, they removed to Peterborough, 1763.

He d. July 19, 1809, æ. 82 yrs.; she d. Sept. 30, 1816, æ. 87 yrs.

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- 6    †*Thomas*, b. Londonderry, March 5, 1754; m. Ann Moore.
  - 7    *Fane*, b. Londonderry, September, 1756; m. Samuel Gregg, Sharon; d. Aug. 15, 1850, æ. 94 yrs.
  - 8    †*David*, b. Londonderry, 1758; m., 1st w., Lucy Powers; 2d w., Sarah Gregg.
  - 9    *Jonathan*, b. Sept. 3, 1760.

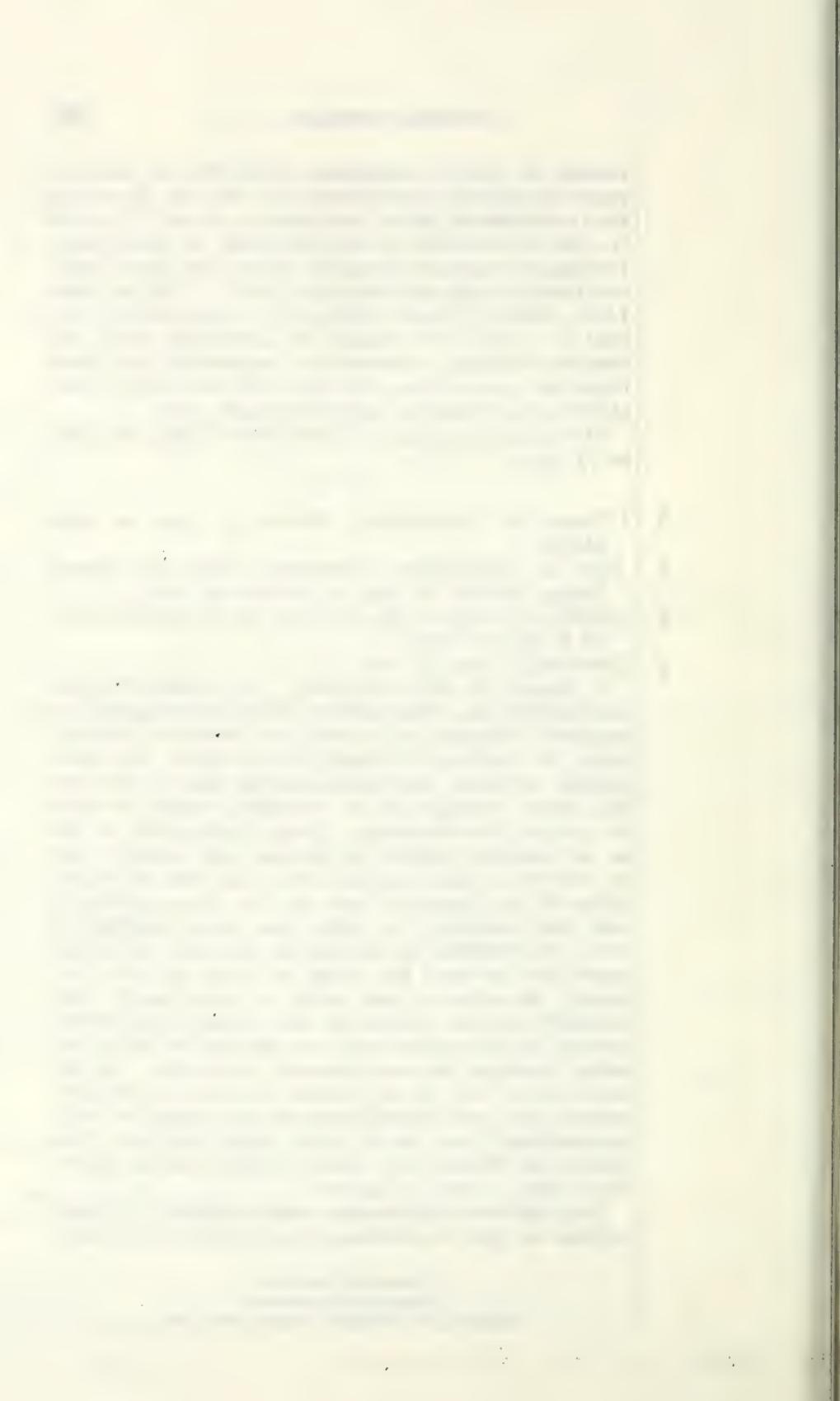
A lawyer of much eminence. He studied his profession with Gen. John Sullivan, after obtaining such an academic education as he could, and settled in Durham, where he continued to reside till his death. He was a popular advocate, and took a leading rank at the bar. His friends thought him too sensitively modest to claim his proper place in society. Judge Smith spoke of him as an eloquent pleader at the bar, and thought that no one could easily surpass him. He was appointed Judge of the Superior Court, by Gov. Jeremiah Smith, and after retaining the office two years resigned in 1812, and returned to his private practice. It is supposed that he could not afford to retain the office any longer, the salaries then being so very low.‡ "He gradually lost his interest in town affairs, and became unsocial in disposition, and very retiring in his habits, owing, perhaps, to some domestic infelicities. In the latter part of his life, he became interested in religious matters, and paid liberally towards the support of religious societies"; m., Jan. 23, 1788, Lydia, dau. Gen. John Sullivan, b. March, 1763; she d. April 9, 1842, æ. 79 yrs. He d. Sept. 3, 1824, æ. 64 yrs.

They had two children who came to maturity, (1) Janet, b. June 14, 1791; d. Durham, 1870, æ. 79 yrs.; (2) Rich-

\* Records of Londonderry.

† Records of Londonderry.

‡ Letter of J. A. Richardson, Durham, Oct. 9, 1875.



ard, b. Jan. 6, 1797; educated a physician; graduated Dartmouth College, 1815, and M.D. 1825; a bright and intelligent man, but ruined by intemperance; d. at Durham, 1870, æ. 73 yrs.

- 10 *Martha*, b. 1763; m. Benjamin Mitchell.  
 11 *Elizabeth*, b. Peterborough, 1767; m. James Wilson.  
 12 *Margaret*, b. Jan. 3, 1766; m. John Smith.  
 13 † *John*, b. February, 1773; m. Polly Wilson; 2d w., Hepzibeth Hammond.

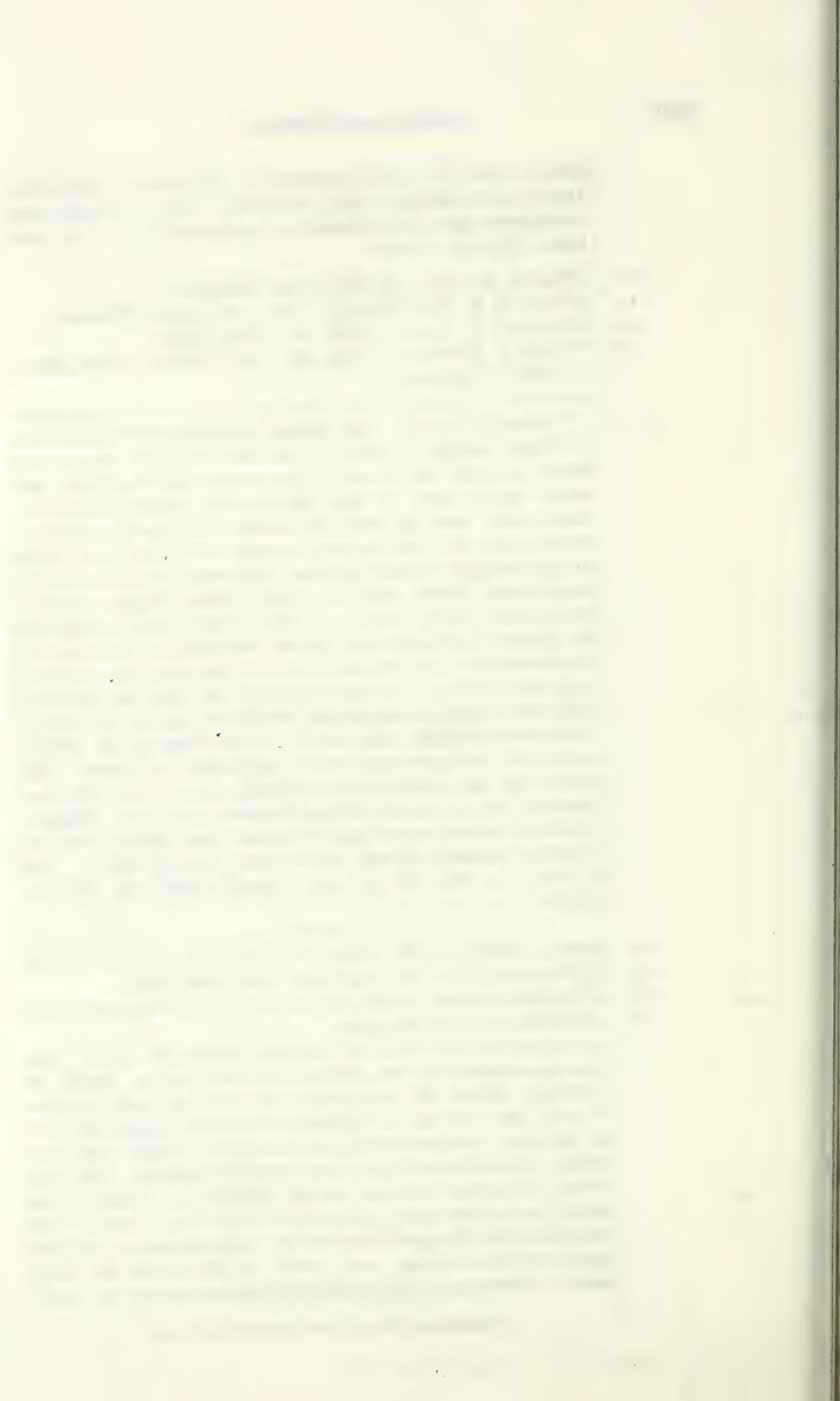
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THOMAS STEELE. He began the place where he lived, his farm being a part of the farm B, laid out in the north part of the town. He was one of the best and most useful men of that day in our municipal affairs. He was a man of rare judgment and good common-sense, and his literary attainments were very creditable for his meagre opportunities. He was selectman eighteen years, from 1786 to 1804; town clerk nineteen years, from 1787 to 1813. No town clerk, through all its history, has presented, as to penmanship or clearness of expression, the proceedings of the town, in a record superior to his. The early settlers, in the first years of their municipal government, were very prone to change their town officers, and down to the time of Mr. Steele there was no permanency in any office in town. He spent his last years in the village, and yet to the last retained his interest in town affairs, and was always a debater in town meetings. He m. Ann Moore, dau. of Deacon Samuel Moore, and raised a large family. He d. Nov. 11, 1847, æ. 94 yrs. She d. April 29, 1838, æ. 78 yrs.

- 14 *Ann*, b. June 5, 1786; unm.; d. April 29, 1858, æ. 72 yrs.  
 15 † *Jeremiah S.*, b. Feb. 29, 1788; m. Irene Felt.  
 16 *Margaret*, b. April, 1790; unm.; d. Feb. 4, 1824, æ. 34 yrs.  
 17 *Jonathan*, b. Feb. 8, 1792.

A graduate of Williams College, Mass., in 1811. He was a student at law with his uncle, Judge Steele, of Durham, where he completed his studies, and located himself as a lawyer at Epsom, where he resided the rest of his life. He was a modest man, and did not push forward as much as his abilities would warrant. He had talent for great success in his profession. Judge Nesmith,\* who was well acquainted with him, says: "He had many of the qualifications of a good lawyer; he had good common-sense, was pretty accurate in his judgment of men and things, had a quick perception of every-

\* Letter from Judge G. W. Nesmith, Oct. 1, 1875.



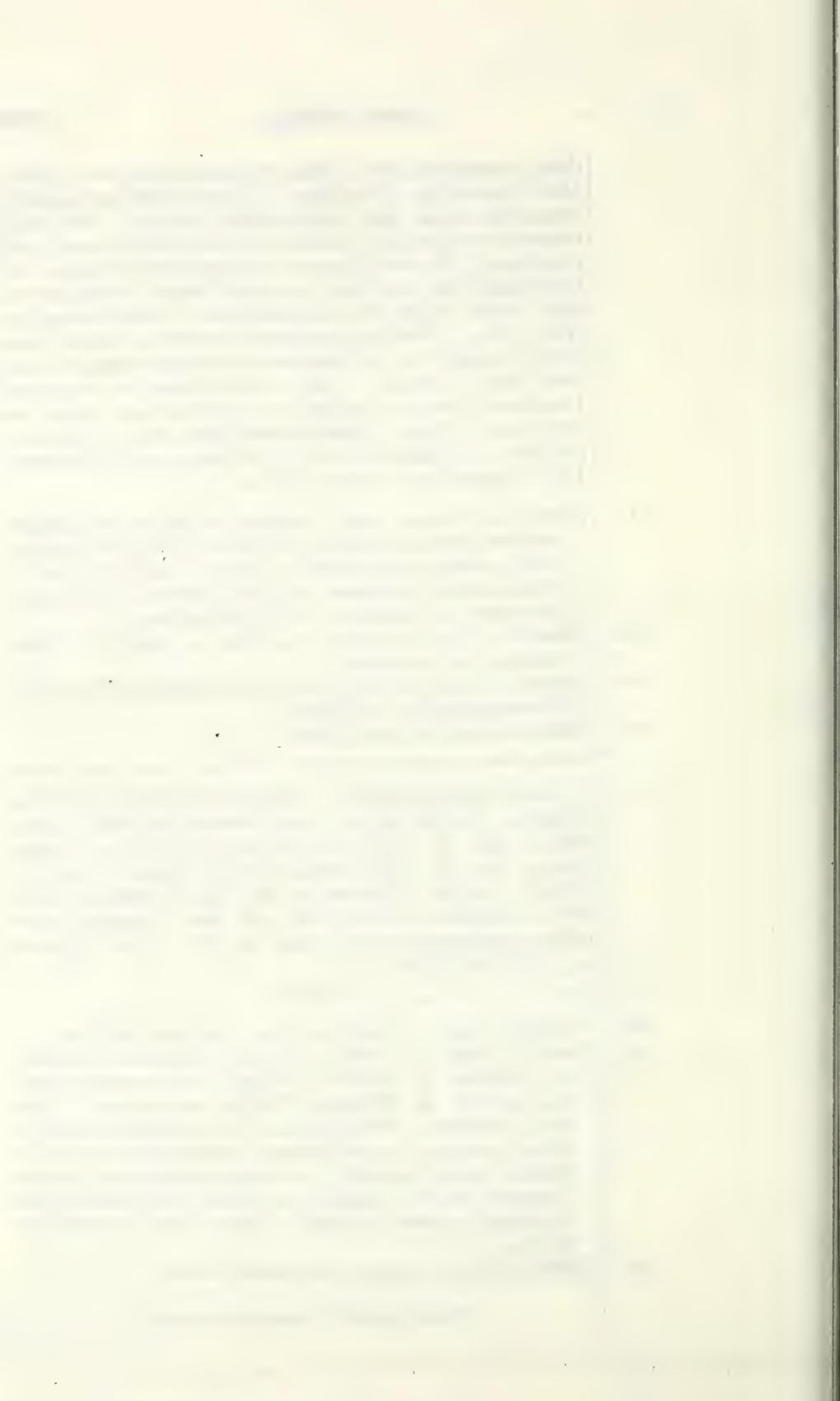
thing humorous, had a fine, musical voice and a tolerable knowledge of the law. I heard him occasionally argue his cases with considerable ability. His good memory enabled him to state evidence with accuracy and clearness. He and George Sullivan were engaged for the plaintiff in the case in which Ezekiel Webster fell dead, while arguing for the defendant. This occurred in April, 1829. Nothing prevented Jonathan Steele from being eminent in his profession except his appetite for intoxicating drinks." Judge Smith used to say that Jonathan Steele's pleading was beyond any music he ever heard. He m. Elizabeth McClary; ch., (1) Charles; (2) John; (3) Michael M.; (4) Thomas; (5) Elizabeth. He d. September, 1858, æ. 66 yrs.

- 18 *David*, b. Nov. 27, 1793; educated a lawyer, and settled in New Durham, where he practised his profession to 1867, when he removed to Dover, where he now r. He m. Lydia Burnham; ch., (1) Thomas; (2) George. The latter d. in the war of the Rebellion.
- 19 *Fanet*, b. Nov. 27, 1795; m., Oct. 1, 1829, Dr. John Ramsey, of Greenfield.
- 20 *Samuel*, b. Sept. 1, 1797; m. in Montebello, Ill., and d. November, 1860, æ. 63 yrs.
- 21 *Betsey*, b. Aug. 6, 1799; unm.

- 5- 8 DAVID STEELE (Gen.). His farm lay just north of his father's. He m., 1st w., Lucy Powers, of Hollis, 1784. She d. Jan. 27, 1795, æ. 36 yrs.; m., 2d w., Sarah Gregg, dau. of Maj. Samuel Gregg. She d. Jan. 15, 1822, æ. 52 yrs. He rose to be a major-general in the New Hampshire Militia, and also held important town offices; moderator seven years to 1817. He d. March 19, 1836, æ. 78 yrs.

- 22 †*Stephen Powers*, b. July 26, 1784; m. Jane McCoy.
- 23 *David*, b. Sept. 30, 1787; m., 1838, Catharine Kendall; A graduate of Williams College, 1810; studied law; was settled at Hillsboro Bridge many years. \* He was a modest, retiring man. He seemed to have a strong aversion to professional labor at the bar. He seldom spoke in court. He was considered a man of integrity, and was useful and much respected in the community where he lived. He d. Dec. 10, 1866, æ. 79 yrs.; c.
- 24 *Fanet*, b. May 24, 1790; m. Samuel Swan.

\* Letter Judge G. W. Nesmith, Oct. 1, 1875.



**5- 13** JOHN STEELE (Gen.). He was well-educated for the times. He kept school much in early life, and was accustomed to survey land as his services were needed in the town. He was a remarkably genial and agreeable man. He possessed colloquial powers of the highest order, and abounded with a fund of anecdotes which no man could tell better. In the war of 1812, he went to Portsmouth as a volunteer with his regiment, being then a colonel, where he remained about twelve weeks. He was subsequently a major-general in the New Hampshire Militia.

He held the office of selectman seven years, and was town clerk fourteen years, from 1805 to 1820. He succeeded his father on the homestead. He was engaged subsequently in manufacturing, being concerned in the North Cotton Factory in Peterborough. He m., 1st w., Polly Wilson, dau. of Maj. Robert Wilson. She d. Feb. 9, 1819, æ. 43 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mrs. Hepzibeth Hammond, of Swanzey. She d. April 22, 1836, æ. 58 yrs. He d. Aug. 10, 1845, æ. 72 yrs.

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**25** *David*, b. Dec. 2, 1795; m., 1st w., Sally Adams, October, 1821; she d. March 5, 1838; m., 2d w., Isabella A. Nesmith, of Derry. He was graduated at Dartmouth College, 1815. Studied law and settled at Goffstown, where he remained till his death. He was a lawyer in high standing, and a man of excellent character. He was President of the Hillsboro County Bar; d. Oct. 1, 1875, æ. 79 yrs., 10 mos.; ch., (1) John, b. Nov. 4, 1839; d.; (2) James, b. June 5, 1842; m. — Farwell, and lives in Chicago, Ill.

**26** *Mary*, b. July 12, 1797; m. George W. Senter.

**27** *Thomas*, b. Aug. 1, 1799; d. 1826, æ. 27 yrs.

**28** *James*, b. Dec. 22, 1802; d. 1804, æ. 2 yrs.

**29** *Jane*, b. June 13, 1805; d. 1810, æ. 5 yrs.

**30** *Jonathan*, b. Feb. 27, 1810; d. at Chicopee, 1852, æ. 42 yrs.

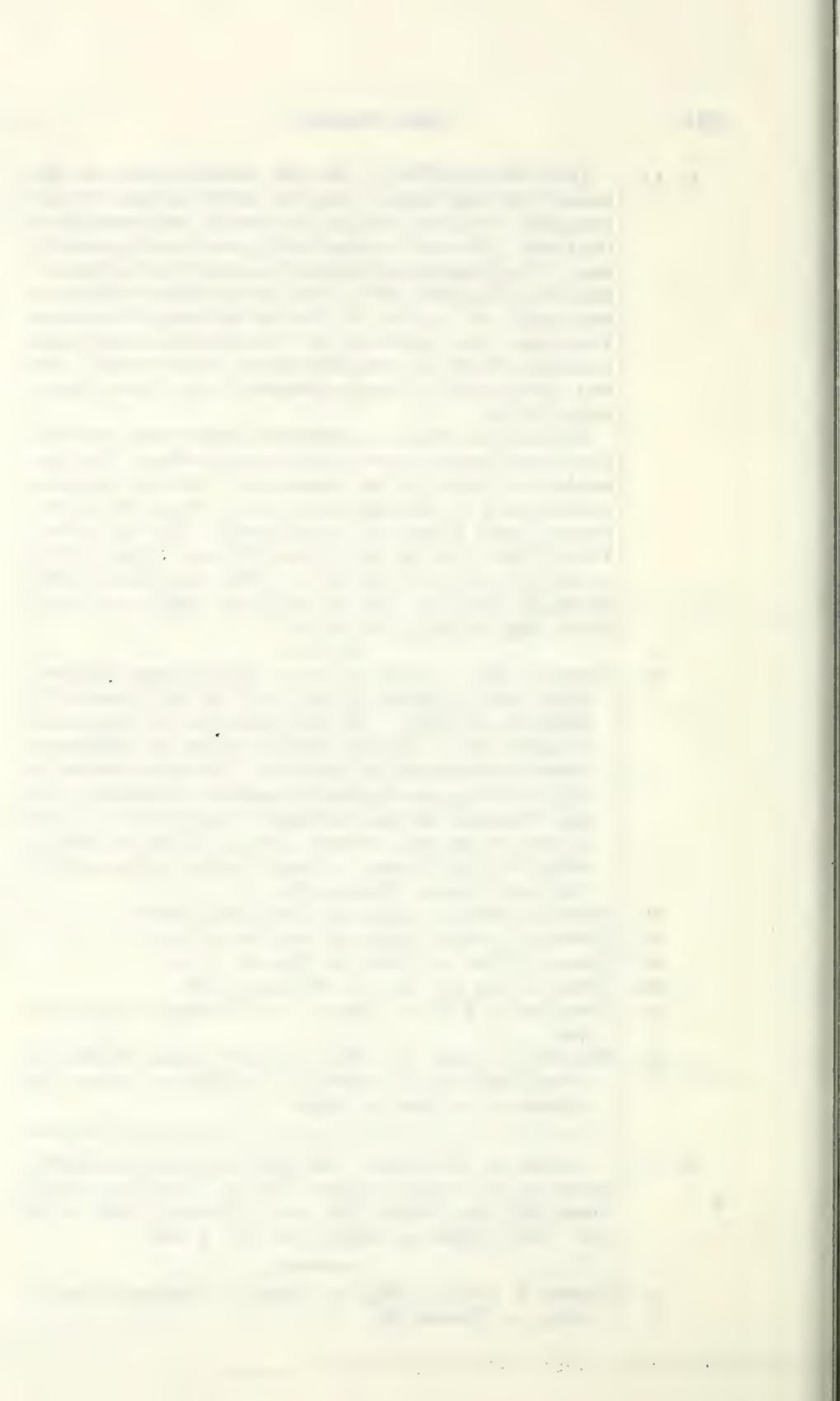
**31** *Martha*, b. June 13, 1812; m. Rev. Isaac Willey; r. Pembroke; ch., (1) Albert S., b. May 10, 1850; (2) Martha A., b. Dec. 11, 1852.

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**6- 15** JEREMIAH S. STEELE. He lived on the farm directly north of his father's place. He m., April 29, 1823, Irene Felt, dau. Oliver Felt; she d. May 19, 1868, æ. 71 yrs. He d. Sept. 30, 1856, æ. 68 yrs., 7 mos.

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**32** *James*, b. Feb. 9, 1824; m. Mary J. Lindsay, Nov. 7, 1854; r. Chester, Ill.

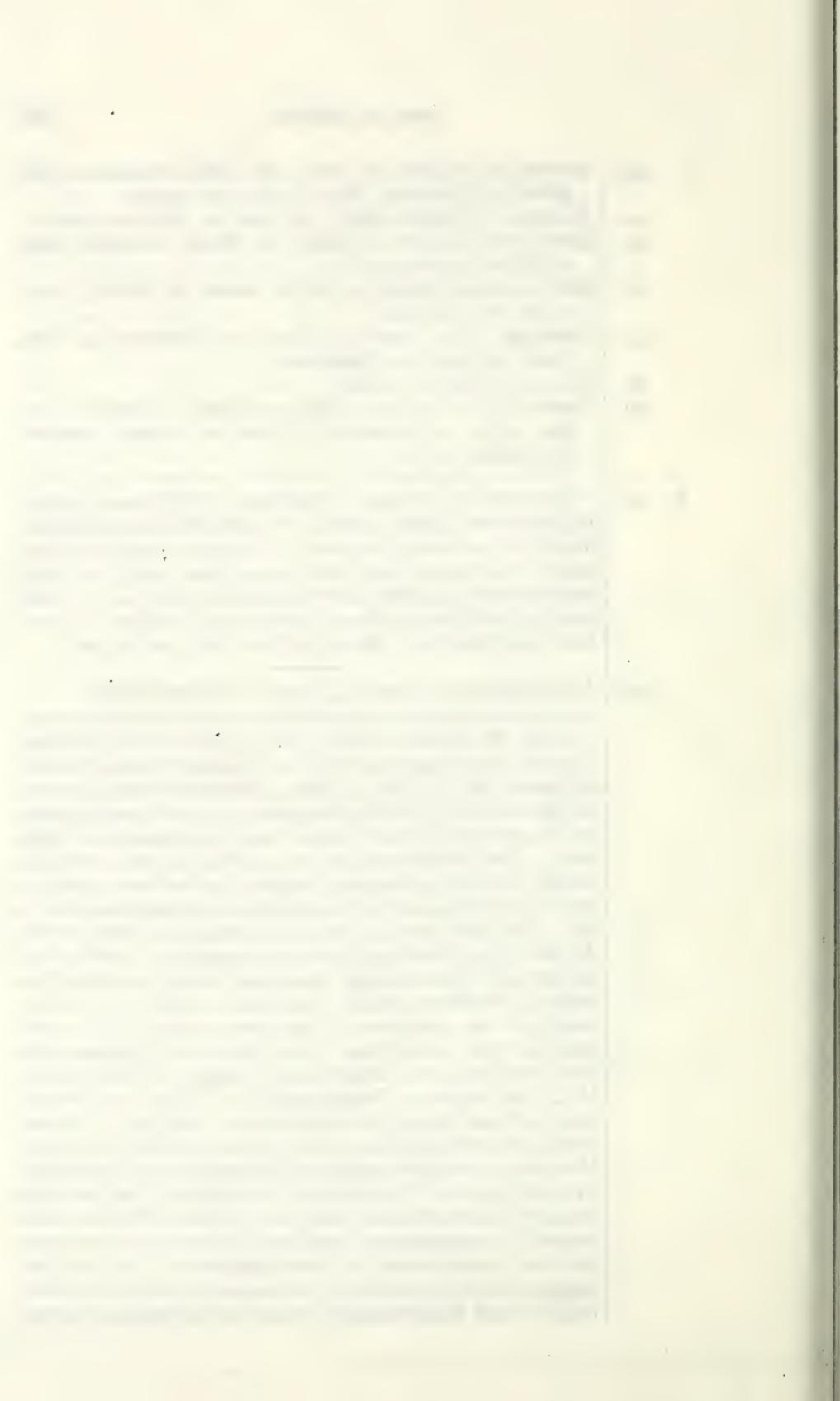


- 33 | *Samuel M.*, b. Nov. 17, 1825 ; m. Lizzie Montroy, April, 1866 ; r. Hamilton, Ill. ; d. 1874, æ. 49 yrs.  
 34 | *Margaret*, b. Oct. 6, 1827 ; d. June 11, 1828, æ. 8 mos.  
 35 | *Cyrus Felt*, b. May 21, 1829 ; m. Susan Cochran, May, 1856 ; r. Carthage, Ill.  
 36 | *Mary Ann*, b. March 13, 1831 ; unm. ; d. Feb. 5, 1858, æ. 26 yrs., 10 mos.  
 37 | *Charlotte F.*, b. April 22, 1833 ; m. Harrison A. Rice, June 18, 1868 ; r. Henniker.  
 38 | *George*, b. July 11, 1836.  
 39 | *Charles E.*, b. July 23, 1838 ; m. Mary E. Smith, October, 1859, of Norwich, Vt. ; 2d w., Alma Fletcher, November, 1870.
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8- 22 STEPHEN P. STEELE, a graduate of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., 1808. He studied law, and practised his profession in town. He held many offices of trust ; was town clerk six years, from 1823 to 1829 ; representative to the General Court, 1841, '42 ; a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1850. He m. Mrs. Jane McCoy. He d. July 22, 1857, æ. 73 yrs.

- 40 | *David Powers*, b. June 14, 1850 ; vocalist, Boston.
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I JOHN H. STEELE (Gov.), of a race entirely distinct from the preceding, was born in Salisbury, in the County of Rowan, N. C., Jan. 4, 1789. His father was a native of the north of Ireland, but came to this country early in life, and established himself as a brick-mason in Salisbury. Gov. Steele was left an orphan at an early age, having neither father nor mother, brother nor sister, to watch over him, and to rejoice in his ultimate success in life. His early advantages for an education were limited. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to what was called the "chair-making business," which consisted in making Windsor chairs, gigs, and sulkies. Having heard of the progress of mechanical skill and enterprise in this town, from Capt. Nathaniel Morison, who was about this time temporarily residing in Fayetteville, N. C., he came to Peterborough in May, 1811, which was his home during the remainder of his life. Without funds and without friends, he at first worked for Capt. Morison at carriage-making, afterwards at machinery, at \$13 per month. This opened the way for the development of his mechanical skill and genius. He was soon himself a manufacturer, and in 1817 he put in operation the first power-looms in New Hampshire. In 1824, he commenced the erection of a new and extensive cotton-mill in West Peterborough, which he finished and super-



intended till 1845. He was chosen Representative to the Legislature for 1829, and for the years 1840 and '41 he was elected Councillor for the old Hillsboro District. In 1842, partly on account of his health and partly for the purpose of examining the improvements in machinery for manufacturing, he visited England, and also the oppressed country from which his father emigrated so many years before.

He was elected Governor of the State in 1844, and also the succeeding year, 1845. After retiring from manufacturing business, he returned to his farm, not merely to guide and direct, but to lead, in a course of skilful and scientific husbandry. The course did not prove remunerative, and he abandoned it before his death, and took up his residence in the village. He held in town, besides the office of Representative, that of moderator for six years, from 1830 to 1838, selectman 1846. He always had great influence in town, and it was generally exercised for its best interests and welfare.

He m., 1st. w., Jane Moore, dau. John Moore, Nov. 5, 1816. She d. July 30, 1831, æ. 34 yrs.; 2d w., Nancy Moore, dau. of John Moore, Jan. 8, 1833. She d. Feb. 26, 1870, æ. 68 yrs., 8 mos. He d. July 3, 1865, æ. 76 yrs., 6 mos.

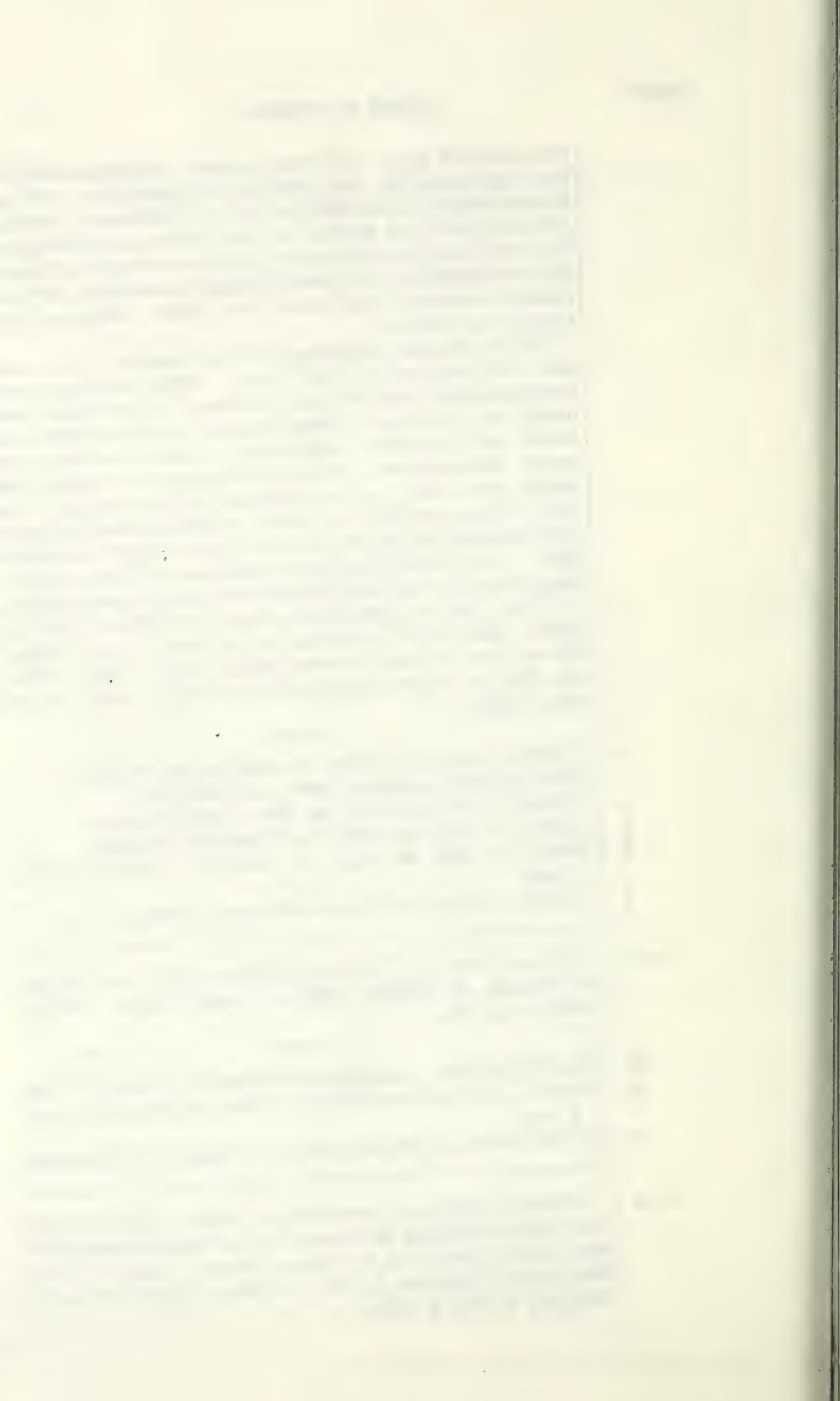
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- 2      †*Edwin*, b. May 12, 1817; m. Abigail M. Warren.  
 3      *John*, b. Dec. 26, 1819; unm.; an imbecile.  
 4      †*Henry*, b. July 6, 1822; m. Mary Ann Chapman.  
 5      †*George*, b. July 26, 1828; m. Charlotte W. Low.  
 6      *Hardy*, b. July 20, 1831; d. Oct. 30, 1832, æ. 1 yr., 3 mos.  
 7      †*Charles*, b. Jan. 2, 1834; m. Maria J. Swan.
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I- 2      EDWIN STEELE. He was selectman 1851; m. Abigail M. Warren, of Dublin, May 22, 1838. He d. Nov 10, 1862, æ. 45 yrs.

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- 8      *Jane H.*, b. Dec. 2, 1839; m. Samuel N. Porter, D.D.S.  
 9      *Mary C.*, b. March 22, 1842; d. Sept. 20, 1844, æ. 2 yrs., 5 mos.  
 10     †*John Henry*, b. July 24, 1845; m. Anna S. Follansbee.
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I- 4      HENRY STEELE, a machinist by trade. Devoted his last years to trading in town. He was town treasurer for six years, from 1849 to 1855. He m., Aug. 6, 1846, Mary Ann Chapman, b. Dec. 12, 1823. He d. Feb. 21, 1865, æ. 42 yrs., 7 mos.



- 11 *Isadore M.*, b. April 30, 1851; d. Feb. 28, 1870; æ. 18 yrs., 9 mos.  
 12 *Alice E.*, b. July 14, 1854; d. July 18, 1870, æ. 16 yrs.  
 13 *Franklin P.*, b. Nov. 9, 1856.  
 14 *Nilla F.*, b. March 2, 1858.
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1- 5 **GEORGE STEELE.** Worked many years at the paper manufactory of A. P. Morrison & Co., till he removed with his family to Pleasant Valley, Wis., in 1868. He m., Aug. 12, 1852, Charlotte W. Low, dau. of William Low, and granddaughter of Dr. Peter Tuttle, late of Hancock, b. Sept. 19, 1831.

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- 15 *Charles Hardy*, b. May 29, 1853.  
 16 *William Low*, b. Oct. 26, 1858.  
 17 *Henry Tuttle*, b. May 3, 1861.
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1- 7 **CHARLES STEELE.** He resided many years in Norwalk, O., engaged in the business of railroading, but has recently re. to Toledo, and is now master of the yard on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. He m., Nov. 6, 1853, Maria J. Swan, dau. of Capt. William A. Swan, of Peterborough.

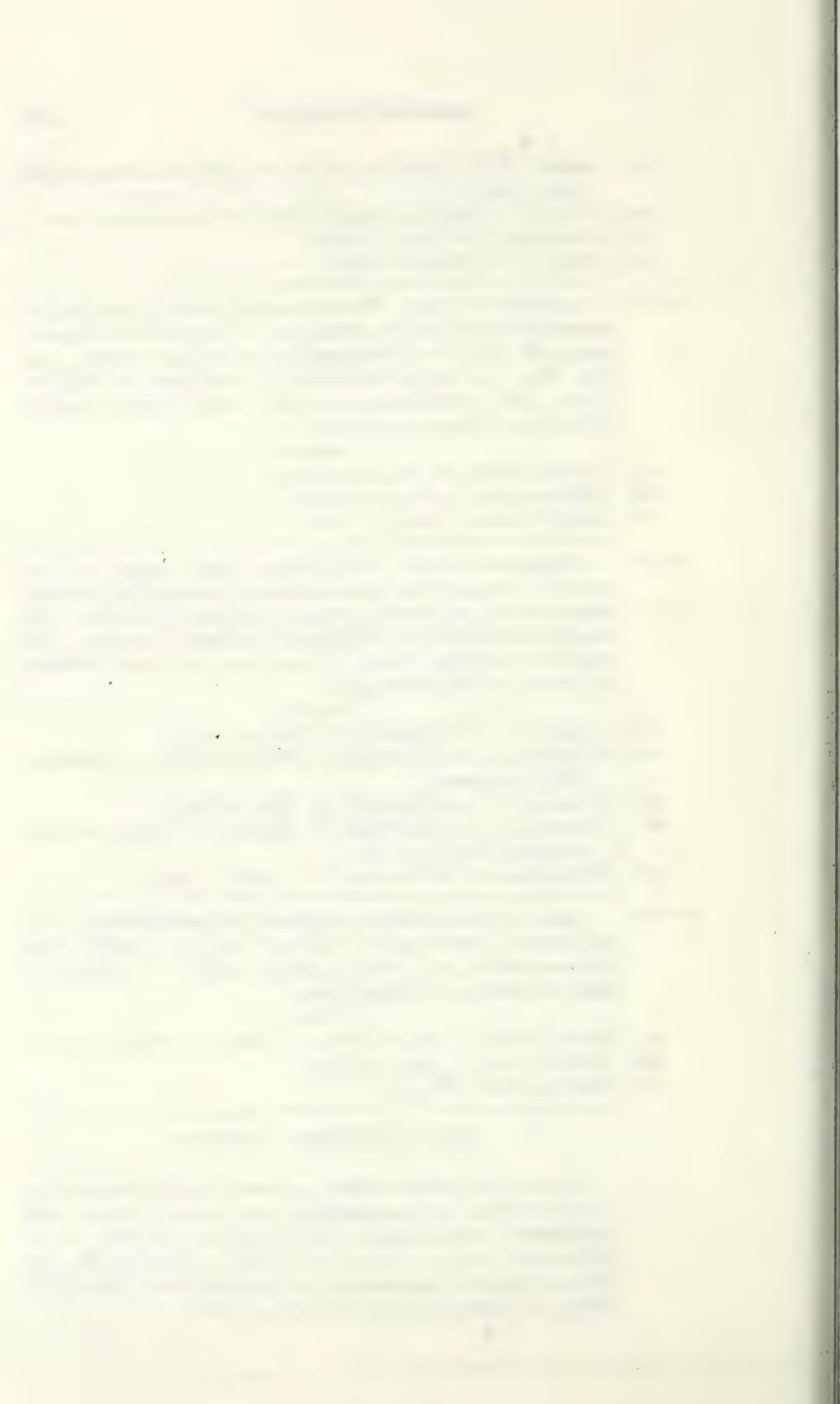
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- 18 *Anna F.*, b. in Norwalk, O., Nov. 21, 1855.  
 19 *F. Henry*, b. in Norwalk, O., May 16, 1857; d. March, 1858, æ. 9 mos.  
 20 *Emma E.*, b. in Norwalk, O., Feb. 28, 1859.  
 21 *Charles F.*, b. in Norwalk, O., March 13, 1865; d. September, 1869, æ. 4 yrs.  
 22 *Fred. Ames*, b. in Norwalk, O., April 2, 1873.
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2- 10 **JOHN HENRY STEELE**, stationer and bookseller in Peterborough; town clerk 1871, '2, '3, '4, '5, '6, which office he now holds; m., Nov. 6, 1867, Anna S. Follansbee, dau. of George F. Follansbee.

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- 23 *Mary Abbie*, b. Jan. 28, 1869; d. Aug. 24, 1869, æ. 7 mos.  
 24 *Harrie Leon*, b. Aug. 22, 1872.  
 25 *Katie*, b. Dec. 28, 1874.
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#### THE STEVENS FAMILY.

1 **EPHRAIM STEVENS** came to town from Townsend in 1797, to work at blacksmithing for Samuel Smith, and continued in his employ many years. He was b. in Townsend, Jan. 10, 1771; d. March 4, 1853, æ. 82 yrs. He m. Jerusha Chapman, b. in Ipswich, Mass., March 4, 1773; d. Nov. 3, 1871, æ. 98 yrs., 7 mos.



- 2 *Jerusha*, b. Townsend, Dec. 4, 1793; m. Nehemiah Woods; d. April 25, 1875, æ. 81 yrs.  
 3 *Ephraim*, b. Townsend, April 9, 1796; d. March 11, 1802, æ. 6 yrs.  
 4 †*Joshua*, b. Peterborough, Dec. 5, 1798; m., 1st w., Lydia Peavey; 2d w., Mrs. Sarah D. Goss.  
 5 *Betsey*, b. Peterborough, June 22, 1806; m. Benjamin Fessenden; r. Townsend; one ch.  
 6 *Lucy*, b. Peterborough, Dec. 8, 1812; m. Hamar Lewis; r. Townsend; four ch.
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1- 4 JOSHUA STEVENS is a machinist by trade. He has worked at the various factories in town many years. He now resides in the village. He m., 1st w., Lydia Peavey, June 29, 1826, b. in Greenfield, Nov. 12, 1803. She d. Jan. 26, 1856, æ. 52 yrs., 2 mos.; m., 2d w., Mrs. Sarah D. Goss, of Temple, Sept. 24, 1868.

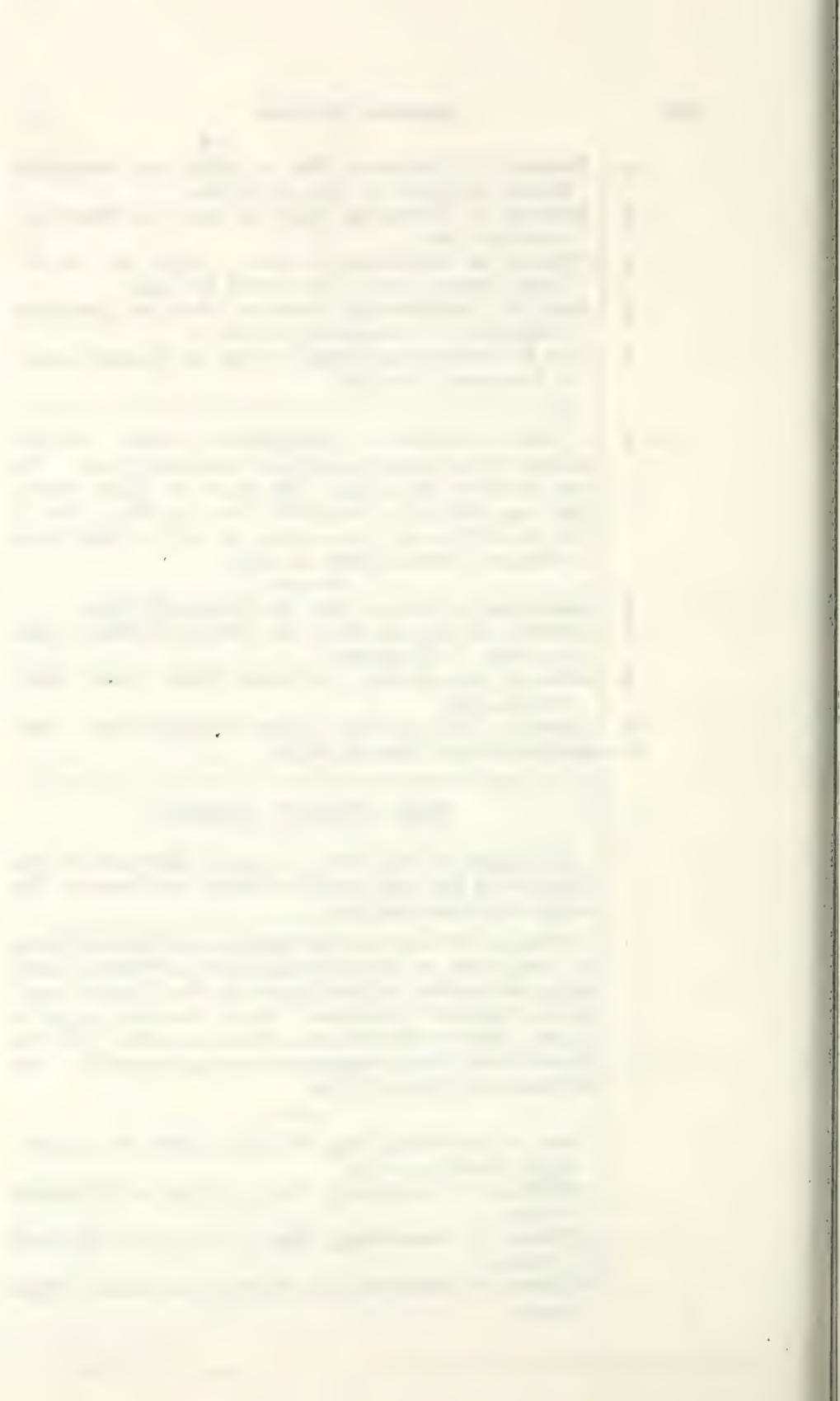
- 7 *Lydia Ann*, b. Oct. 24, 1827; m. Charles S. Gray.  
 8 *Louisa C.*, b. Jan. 22, 1830; m. George W. Brown, June 23, 1844; r. Townsend.  
 9 *Albert*, b. Jan. 23, 1837; m. Jennie Abbot, June 5, 1862; one ch., Ida.  
 10 *Charles*, b. Nov. 24, 1839; d. Jan. 7, 1849, æ. 9 yrs., 1 mo.  
 11 *George Eddie*, b. Nov. 28, 1852.
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### THE STUART FAMILY.

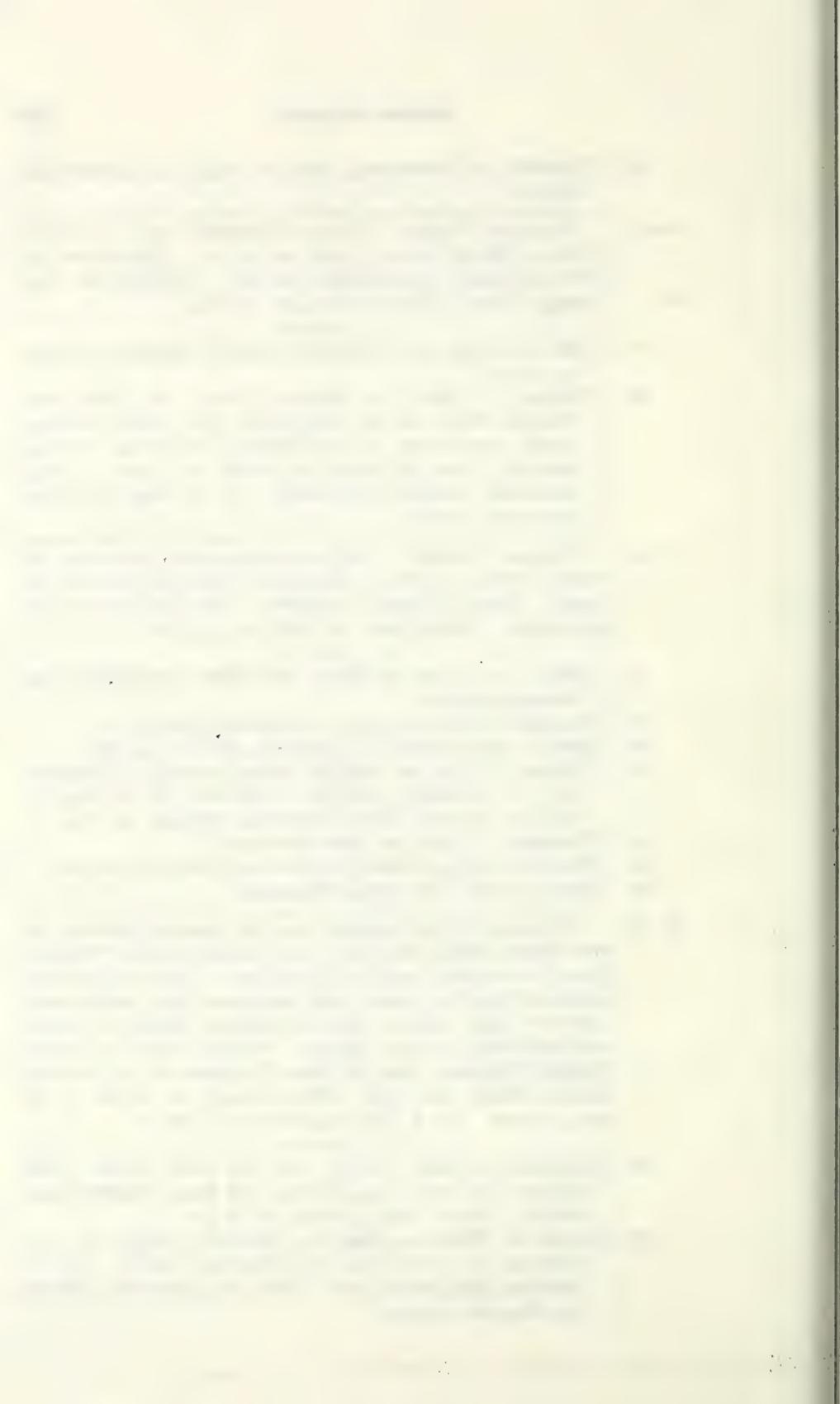
The name of this family is spelled differently by the branches of the same family,—Stuart and Stewart. We adopt the former spelling.

1 WILLIAM STUART, son of Solomon and Martha Stuart, b. 1700, came to Peterborough from Lunenburg about 1750, and settled on land south of the "Smith farm." He m. Margaret Sanderson. He d. March 15, 1753, æ. 53 yrs. He was the first man that d. in town. He was buried in the little cemetery on meeting-house hill. She d. March 8, 1795, æ. 87 yrs.

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- 2 *John*, b. Lunenburg, Aug. 28, 1737; killed in Rodgers' fight, March 13, 1757.  
 3 †*William*, b. Lunenburg, Nov. 5, 1740; m. Elizabeth White.  
 4 †*Thomas*, b. Lunenburg, May 3, 1743; m. Elizabeth Stinson.  
 5 †*Charles*, b. Lunenburg, Oct. 8, 1745; m. Esther Ferguson.



- 6 *Elizabeth*, b. Lunenburg, April 8, 1748; m. Gilbert McCoy.
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- 1- 3 *WILLIAM STUART*. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Patrick White. He d. Oct. 25, 1771, æ. 31 yrs. Was buried in little cemetery on meeting-house hill. His wid. m. John Gregg. She d. Nov. 2, 1803, æ. 59 yrs.
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- 7 *John*, b. 1769; d. at Charles Stuart's, March 17, 1795, æ. 26 yrs.
- 8 *William*, b. 1771; m. Rachel Cram. He lived with Patrick White till he bought his farm, where George Steele now lives. He d. May 25, 1822, æ. 51 yrs.; one ch., John, b. March 25, 1800; m., June 1, 1826, Elizabeth Lacy, of Hillsboro. He d. Aug. 30, 1874, æ. 74 yrs., 5 mos.
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- 1- 4 *THOMAS STUART*. He was seven years old when his father moved to town. He lived in the east part of the town. He m. Elizabeth Stinson. He d. Nov. 7, 1833, æ. 90 yrs. She d. Sept. 28, 1787, æ. 47 yrs.
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- 9 *John*, b. — ; m. in Maine, and then went West, but where unknown.
- 10 *Margaret*, b. Aug. 30, 1770; m. Silas Spring.
- 11 *Jane*, b. 1772; unm. ; d. June 10, 1822, æ. 49 yrs.
- 12 *William*, b. 1774; m. Abigail Palmer; one ch., Elizabeth; m. J. C. Stickney, and re. to Utah. He d. Sept. 7, 1863, æ. 89 yrs. She d. June 30, 1859, æ. 81 yrs.
- 13 *Elizabeth*, b. 1776; m. John Brackett.
- 14 *Thomas*, b. 1779; unm. ; d. Nov. 17, 1829, æ. 50 yrs.
- 15 *Mary*, b. 1781; m. Josiah Brackett.
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- 1- 5 *CHARLES STUART* settled on a lot given to his wife by her father, John Ferguson, now known as the "Faxon farm," where he lived till his death. He held various offices of trust in town; was selectman ten years, from 1781 to 1798; was on the Committee of Safety for 1779, and held other minor offices. He m., Aug. 27, 1766, Esther Ferguson, dau. of John Ferguson, b. at Groton, Mass., March 31, 1747. She d. Aug. 22, 1826, æ. 79 yrs., 4 mos. He d. Oct. 13, 1802, æ. 57 yrs.
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- 16 *Margaret*, b. Dec. 7, 1767; m., 1st hus., Lieut. John Moore; 2d hus., Asa Evans; 3d hus., Richard Gilchrist. She d. Aug. 7, 1818, æ. 51 yrs.
- 17 *Sarah*, b. Nov. 2, 1769; m. Asahel Going; ch., (1) George; d. ; æ. 18 yrs. ; (2) Charles, d. early. She d. June 10, 1834, æ. 65 yrs. He d. at Lancaster, March 13, 1843, æ. 72 yrs.



- 18 *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 4, 1771; m. Samuel Turner.  
 19 *Mary*, b. Dec. 12, 1773; d. April 10, 1858; one ch., Sarah Ferguson, m. Samuel Gates.  
 20 *Fenny*, b. Oct. 19, 1775; m. Oliver Carter; 2d hus., Capt. Thomas Sherwin.  
 21 *Esther*, b. March 17, 1780; m. — Moore, Northumberland; d. June 15, 1846, æ. 66 yrs.  
 22 *John*, b. Sept. 5, 1782; m. Sally Brazier, of Groton; d. 1848, æ. 65 yrs.  
 23 *Martha*, b. Aug. 15, 1785; m. John Evans, Boston; d. Sept. 3, 1871, æ. 86 yrs.  
 24 *Charles Fesse*, b. Sept. 20, 1788; m. Eliza Austin; d. in Lancaster, May 17, 1836, æ. 46 yrs.; ch., (1) Charles; d.; æ. 20 yrs.; (2) Arabella, m. Prof. F. Bowen, Harvard University, Cambridge.
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## THE SWAN FAMILY.

1 JOHN SWAN, called "Old John," came to Peterborough from Lunenburg. He was the progenitor of all the Swans in town. His son, Gustavus, having begun the Samuel Morison place, went to New York to make brick, and his father, John Swan, came from Lunenburg to Peterborough to live, and d. on this farm. He planted the first apple-tree in town on this farm. He m., in Ireland, 1st w., Peggy McCrossin; 2d w., Mrs. Jane Wilson, mother to Maj. Robert Wilson; her maiden name was Jane Bell; 3d w., Mary Glaney, originally Mary Alld, aunt to Capt. William Alld. Dates of death unknown.

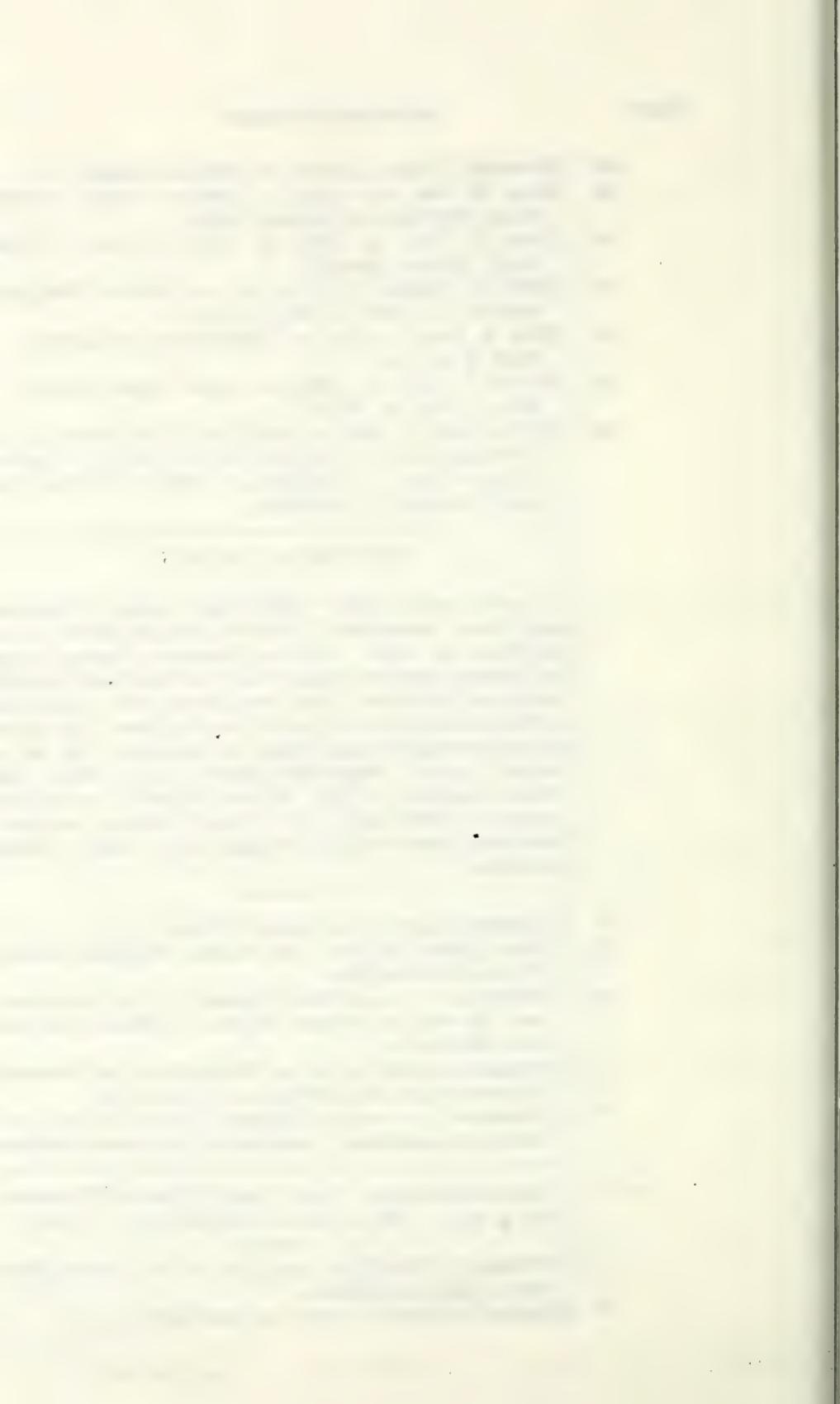
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- 2 †*Gustavus*, b. 1717; m. Isabel Wilson.  
 3 †*John* (Lieut.), b. — ; m. Agnes Nay, dau. Deacon William McNee, Sen.  
 4 *William*, b. — ; m. Mary Russell; d. in French war, and his wid. m. Moses Adams, of Dublin, and had nine children.  
 5 *Jeremiah*, b. about 1736; m. Nabby Stuart, or Saunders. He was lost in the French war, 1758 or '59.  
 6 †*Alexander*, b. — ; m. Elizabeth Pitman; 2d w., Lizzie Stiles, of Lunenburg; deserted by her former husband.
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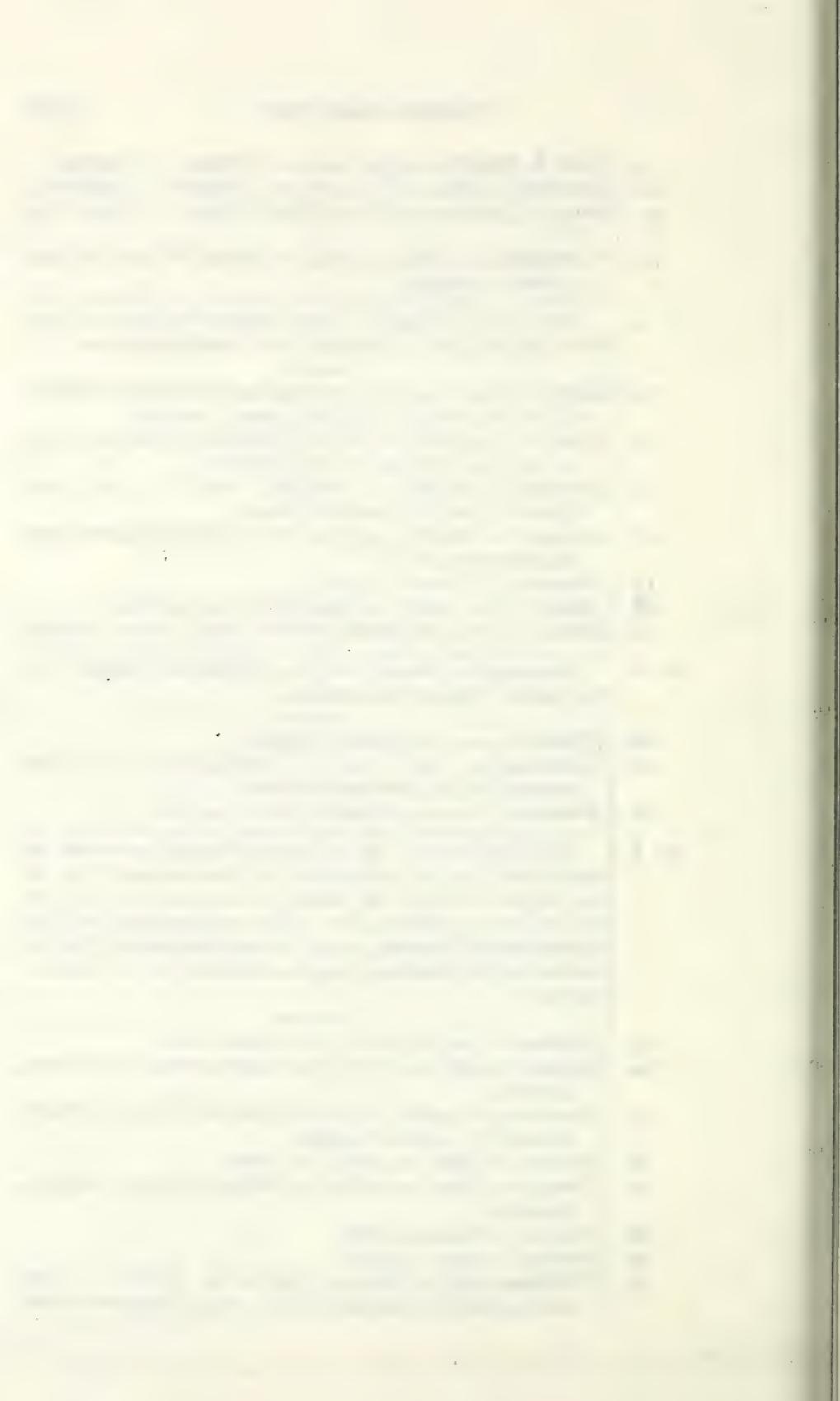
I- 2 GUSTAVUS SWAN. He m. Isabel Wilson, of Townsend, Nov. 4, 1747. He d. Jan. 8, 1769, æ. 52 yrs. She d.

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- 7 †*William*, b. March 17, 1747; m., 1st w., Annas Wood; 2d w., Abigail Colburn.  
 8 †*Robert*, b. Sept. 16, 1752; m. Jane Alld.



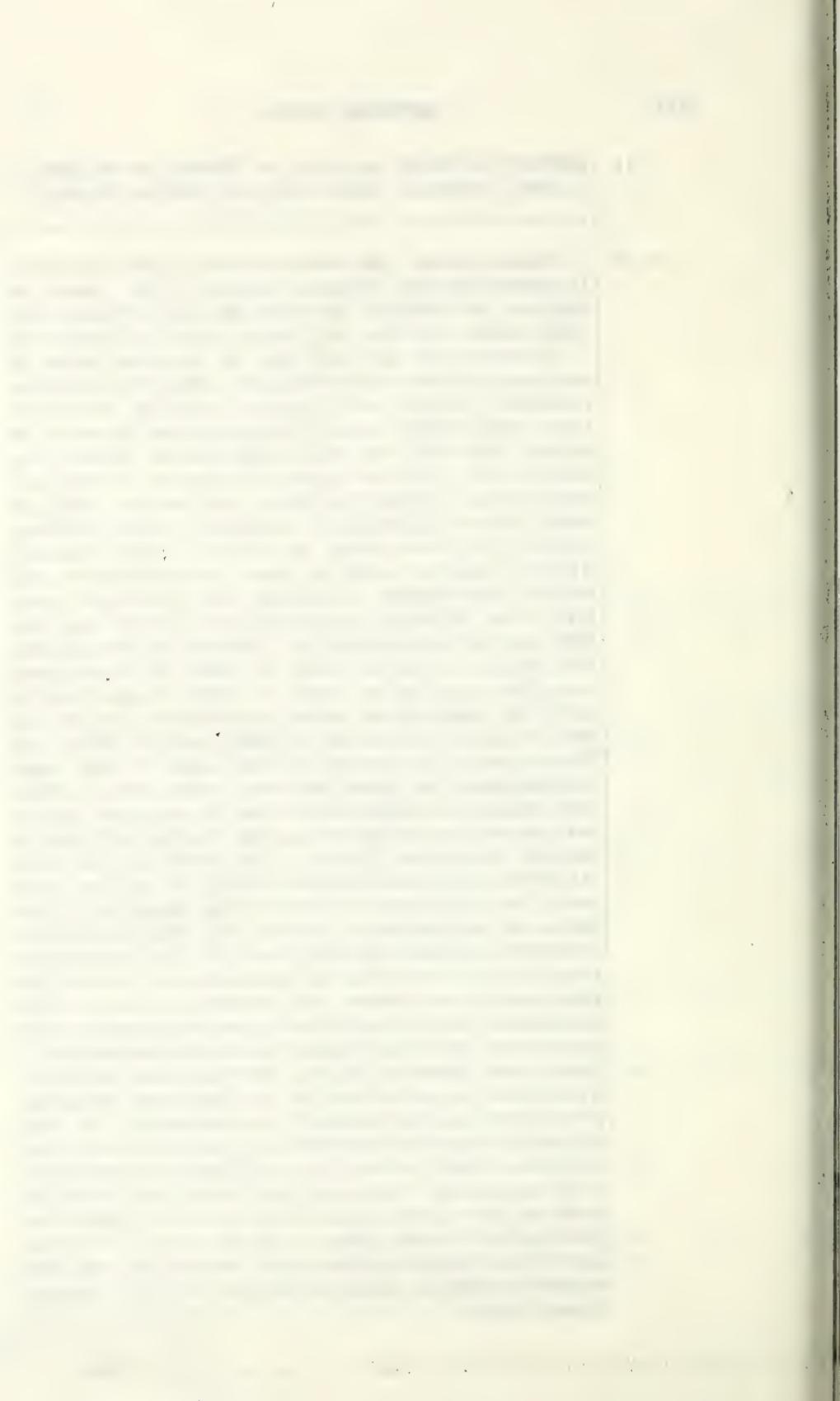
- 9    *Fean*, b. March 9, 1755; m. — Stimson; r. Maine.  
 10   *Elizabeth*, b. July 24, 1759; m. — Parker; r. Stoddard.  
 11   *Susey*, b. June 30, 1761; m. Frank Stuart; r. Grand Isle, Vt.  
 12   †*Jeremiah*, b. April 25, 1764; m. Anna Wilson; d. Jan. 3, 1828, æ. 65 yrs.
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- 1- 3   JOHN SWAN (Lieut.). He m. Agnes Nay, dau. of Dea. Wm. McNee, Sen. Dates of their deaths unknown.
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- 13   *Mary*, b. Aug. 14, 1758; m. Richard Gilchrist, Dublin; d. Jan. 16, 1816, æ. 57 yrs., 5 mos.; ten ch.  
 14   *Agnes*, b. March 26, 1760; m. Ezra Morse, Dublin, 1779; d. Aug. 22, 1815, æ. 55 yrs.; five ch.  
 15   *Elizabeth*, b. March 5, 1762; m., April 2, 1782, John Caldwell; re. to Coleraine, Mass.  
 16   *Margaret*, b. March 14, 1764; m. a French doctor, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y.  
 17   *Jeremiah*, b. March 6, 1766.  
 18   *John, Jr.*, b. 1768; m. Agnes Nay; re. to Ohio.  
 19   *Aaron*, b. 1770; m. Azuba Bullard, Feb. 6, 1790; one ch.
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- 1- 6   ALEXANDER SWAN. He m. Elizabeth Pitman; 2d w., Lizzie Stiles, of Lunenburg.
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- 20   †*John*, b. —; m. Sarah Taggart.  
 21   *Gustavus*, b. —; m. — Montgomery. He was drowned in the Penobscot River.  
 22   *Alexander*, b. —; killed by fall of a joist.
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- 2- 7   WILLIAM SWAN. He m. Annas Wood, by whom he had seven ch., all probably b. in Peterborough; m., 2d w., Abigail Colburn, by whom he had his two last ch. He re. to St. Albans, Vt. He was drowned in Lake Champlain, Christmas, 1799, by the breaking of the ice, on his way to Montreal, and was buried Jan. 1, 1800, æ. 53 yrs.
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- 23   *Martha*, b. Jan. 23, 1771; m. Samuel Alld.  
 24   *Sarah*, b. May 22, 1773; m. Silas Gears, of Durham, Canada.  
 25   *Gustavus*, b. April 8, 1776; m. Polly M. Wood, of North Island, Vt.; re. to Canada.  
 26   *William*, b. May 12, 1778; d. young.  
 27   *Jenny*, b. May 30, 1780; m. William Gears, Durham, Canada.  
 28   *Joseph*, b. Sept. 27, 1782.  
 29   *Nathan*, b. Sept. 8, 1784.  
 30   †*William Alld*, b. Dec. 4, 1798, at St. Albans, Vt.; m., 1st w., Judith Jackman; 2d w., 1831, Tamazon Stone.



31 | *Bethiah*, b. March 24, 1800; m. Enoch Sawyer, Dec. 7, 1816; seven ch.; she d. May 10, 1876, æ. 76 yrs.

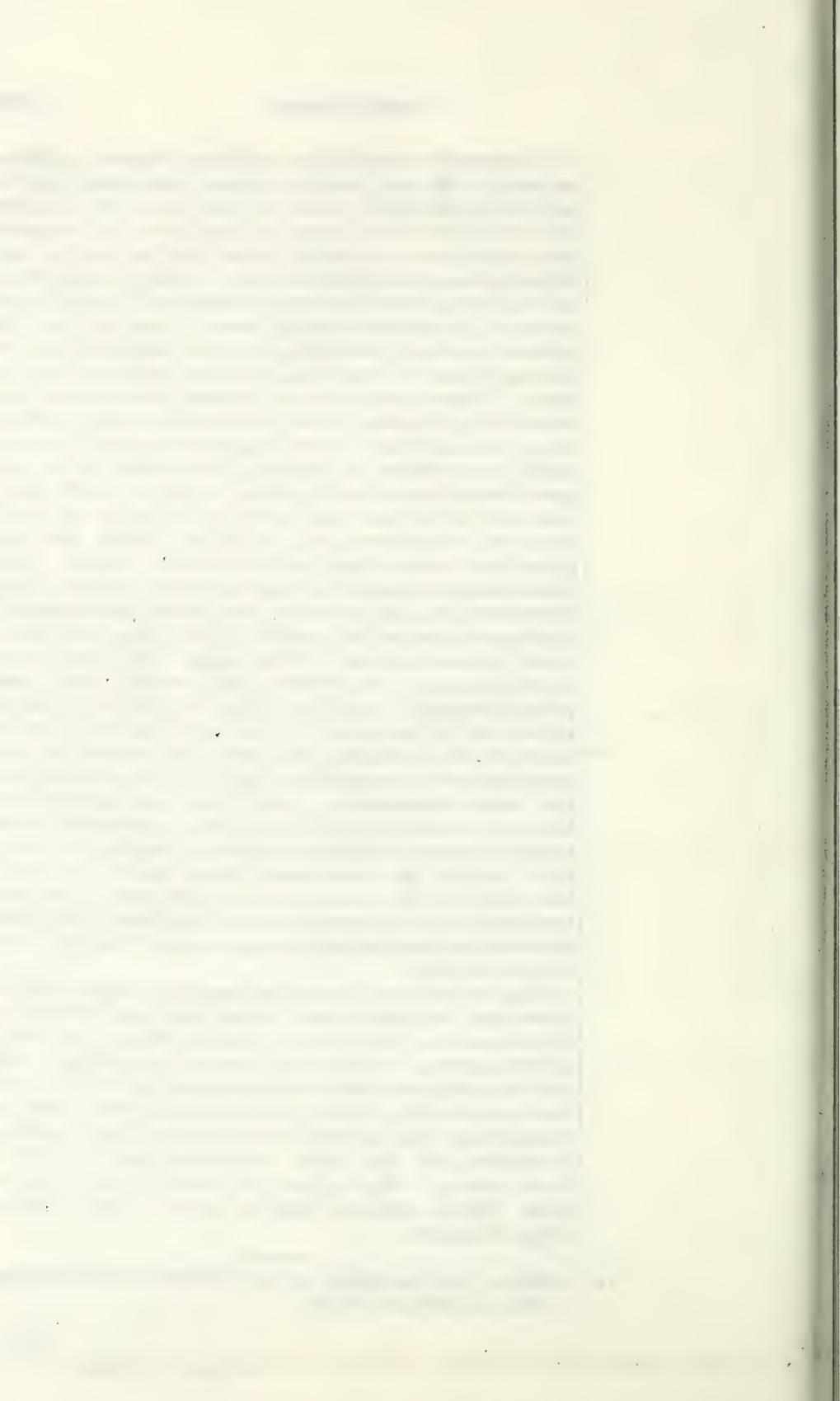
2- 8 ROBERT SWAN. He lived in the east part of the town. In presenting the following sketch of Mr. Swan, we indicate the methods by which the early settlers, with their slender opportunities, became such intelligent men.

He came up in the early days of the town, when all was comparatively a wilderness, and when they were surrounded by all kinds of trials and hardships, when even they could hardly answer the imperious demands of nature, as to what they should eat and as to what they should wear. With all these natural wants to supply, it could not be expected that these early settlers could do much towards affording an education to their children, and they, of course, came up with little school training. There was also a dearth of books, no newspapers, and not the least attempt at anything like periodical literature. The Bible was almost their only book, and this they read and understood far in advance of this generation, which, having so much to read, let this volume, too often, be a sea'ed book to them. Capt. Swan, in early life, enjoyed no school advantages; he had no special culture, beyond the teachings of the Bible and the routine of the farming of those days. Under such circumstances, we know not how it was that he made such intellectual improvement, that he acquired such a very general knowledge of passing events, and also so much of history and politics. He possessed great natural powers, and gathered up knowledge by intuition, as it were; he only needed to have a thing repeated to him before he incorporated it into his own mind, and made it his own. He did not read much; he had no opportunity to do so; but he was an acute observer, a ready listener, and a deep thinker; and contrived, by his accurate observation and the careful hearing and digesting of all his information, to be always posted among the foremost on all foreign and domestic affairs. He was much respected by the best people in town, for his judgment, his extensive information, and excellent common-sense. In town affairs he was often employed on important committees, and always found to be a safe and judicious counsellor in all exigencies. He was a good talker, not a whit behind the best of the men of that day, and his expressions are repeated to this time,—“By the Lord!” “By the Lord!” with which he interlarded much of his talk, and especially when he was in any degree under the inspiration of liquor.



It is always a wonder how such men happen to know so much. We can hardly estimate how much may be learned by observation and listening alone, by an eager and inquisitive mind, when all the facts and material thus taken in are all well digested and laid up for use, till we see an example of this kind. Books he had none, nor did he read any ; he read the book of life and experience, till he became a strong man. I am told that he gathered up much knowledge from his associations with the late James Wilson, Esq., and other educated men in town. He was always sure to be found with a docile and teachable spirit among those who could impart instruction. Dea. Samuel Weston suggests that he was most aided in his efforts in acquiring knowledge, by his frequent visits to the counting-room of Samuel Smith, Esq., where all topics were considered and all subjects freely discussed, which were led off by Mr. Smith, who was gifted with extraordinary conversational powers. This place became a kind of an educator of the people ; it was resorted to by a large class of the people, and especially by the politicians of all parties in the town, in which it greatly abounded some fifty years ago. Mr. Smith, being a well-educated, progressive, and reading man, and posted thoroughly in all the affairs of the day, a ready talker, and a man who loved to communicate what he knew, freely distributed his stores of knowledge, and exercised a very perceptible effect in the improvement of the whole community. Swan knew and appreciated these advantages, and richly gathered up knowledge and made it his own, without the labor of reading or studying. But for his intemperate habits, which grew upon him in his old age, he must have been one of the very first men of Peterborough, and in those times, too, when it took rare qualities to stand upon a level with the best men of that day.

This is a striking illustration how much a man can improve and educate himself under the most forbidding circumstances, if he will only arouse himself and apply all his powers in the acquisition of knowledge. This was the great and almost only culture of our fathers ; and how successfully, without books, except that Book of books which they all read and revered, without teachers or schools, did they make themselves men of such a heroic stamp ! He m. Jane Alld, dau. of Capt. William Alld. She d. April 10, 1846, æ. 84 yrs. He d. May 25, 1835, æ. 83 yrs.



- 32 *Robert*, b. Oct. 20, 1781; m. Margaret Scofield, of Maryland; d. there 1846, æ. 63 yrs.  
 33 *Fane*, b. 1783; unm.; d. Nov. 13, 1849, æ. 66 yrs.  
 34 *Lettuce*, b. Jan. 15, 1784; m. Hugh Graham; d. in St. Louis, Mo., 1852, æ. 67 yrs.  
 35 *James*, b. ——; d. in Maryland, on a visit to his brother.  
 36 †*Samuel*, b. June 16, 1791; m. Janet Steele.  
 37 *Sally*, b. 1796; m. Zadoc Chamberlain, New York; d. 1836, æ. 40 yrs.  
 38 *William*, b. 1802; m. Louisa Fletcher. He d. 1865, æ. 63 yrs. She d. 1856, æ. 45 yrs.
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2- 12 JEREMIAH SWAN. He m. Anna Wilson, dau. Major Robert Wilson. She d. in Montreal. He d. Jan. 3, 1828, æ. 65 yrs.

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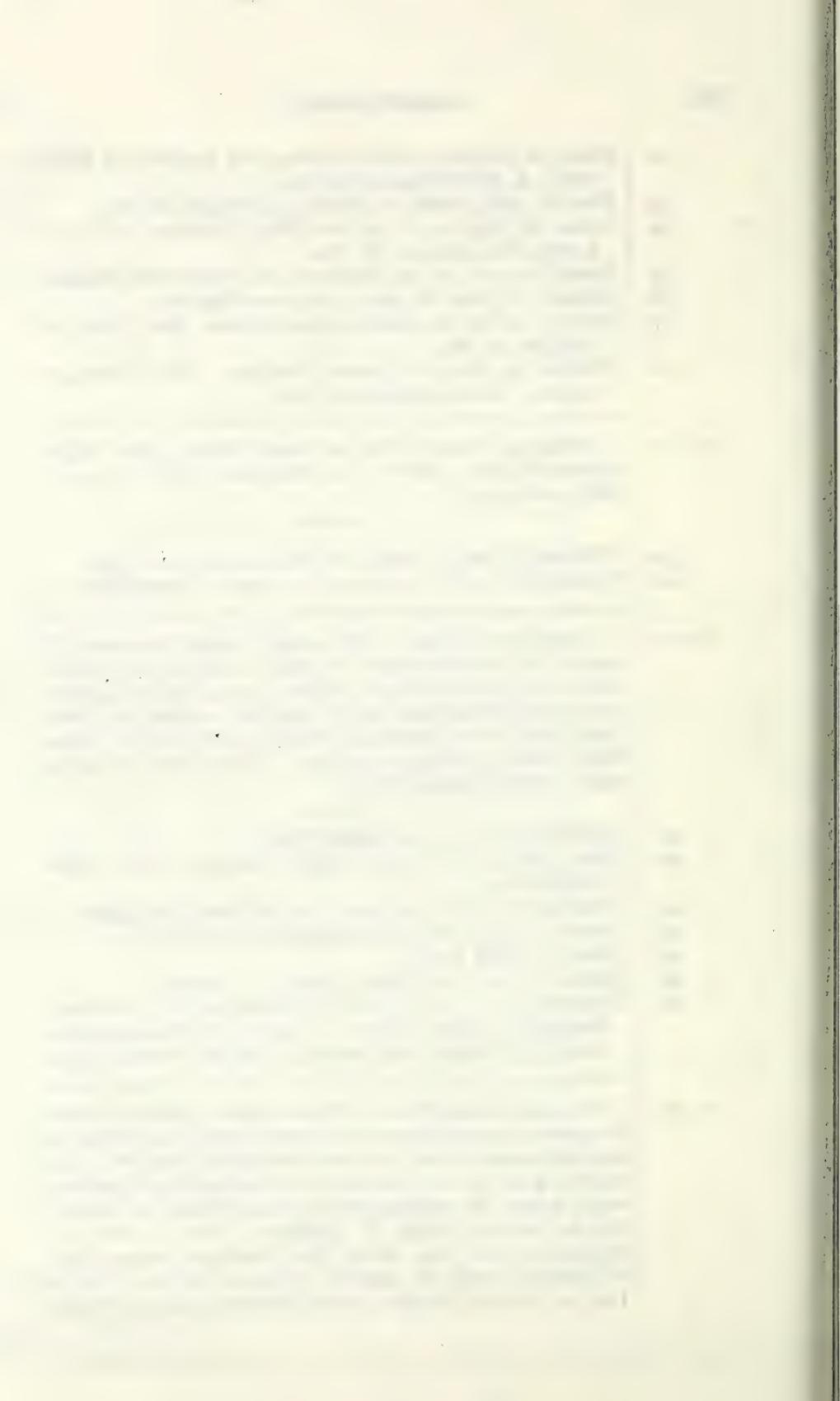
- 39 *William Wilson*, b. 1790; d. Feb. 14, 1793, æ. 3 yrs.  
 40 †*James W.*, b. Feb. 14, 1792; m. Agnes Nancy Blair.
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6- 20 JOHN SWAN (Lieut.). He always resided in town till late in life, when he went to reside with his children in New York, where he d. He m., 1764, Sarah Taggart, dau. of John Taggart, one of the first settlers in town. They lived in the marriage relation over seventy years. She d. Dec. 30, 1834, æ. 90 yrs. He survived her a few years. He d. about 1836.

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- 41 *Elizabeth*, b. ——; m. Robert Nay.  
 42 *John, 4th*, b. ——; m. Sally Learned; re. to New York State.  
 43 *Jonathan*, b. ——; m. ——; re. to New York State.  
 44 *Sarah*, b. ——; m. —— Breighton, New York.  
 45 *James*, b. New York.  
 46 *Rachel*, b. ——; m. Enoch Hoyt; r. Vermont.  
 47 *Gustavus*, b. ——; m. ——; r. Columbus, O.; a lawyer; became a judge in Ohio; a man of talents and influence. He became very wealthy. He left town 1810; d.
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7- 29 WILLIAM ALLD SWAN. He was three years old when he came to town to live with Samuel Alld, whose first w. was half-sister to him, and was brought up by him. He resided a few years in Lowell, but returned to Peterborough, where he resided many years before his death. He m., 1st w., Judith P. Jackman. She d. Oct. 17, 1829, æ. 31 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mrs. Tamazon Stone, 1831, b. Feb. 22, 1798; d. June 6, 1858, æ. 60 yrs. He d. Dec. 26, 1860, æ. 62 yrs.; 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., five ch.



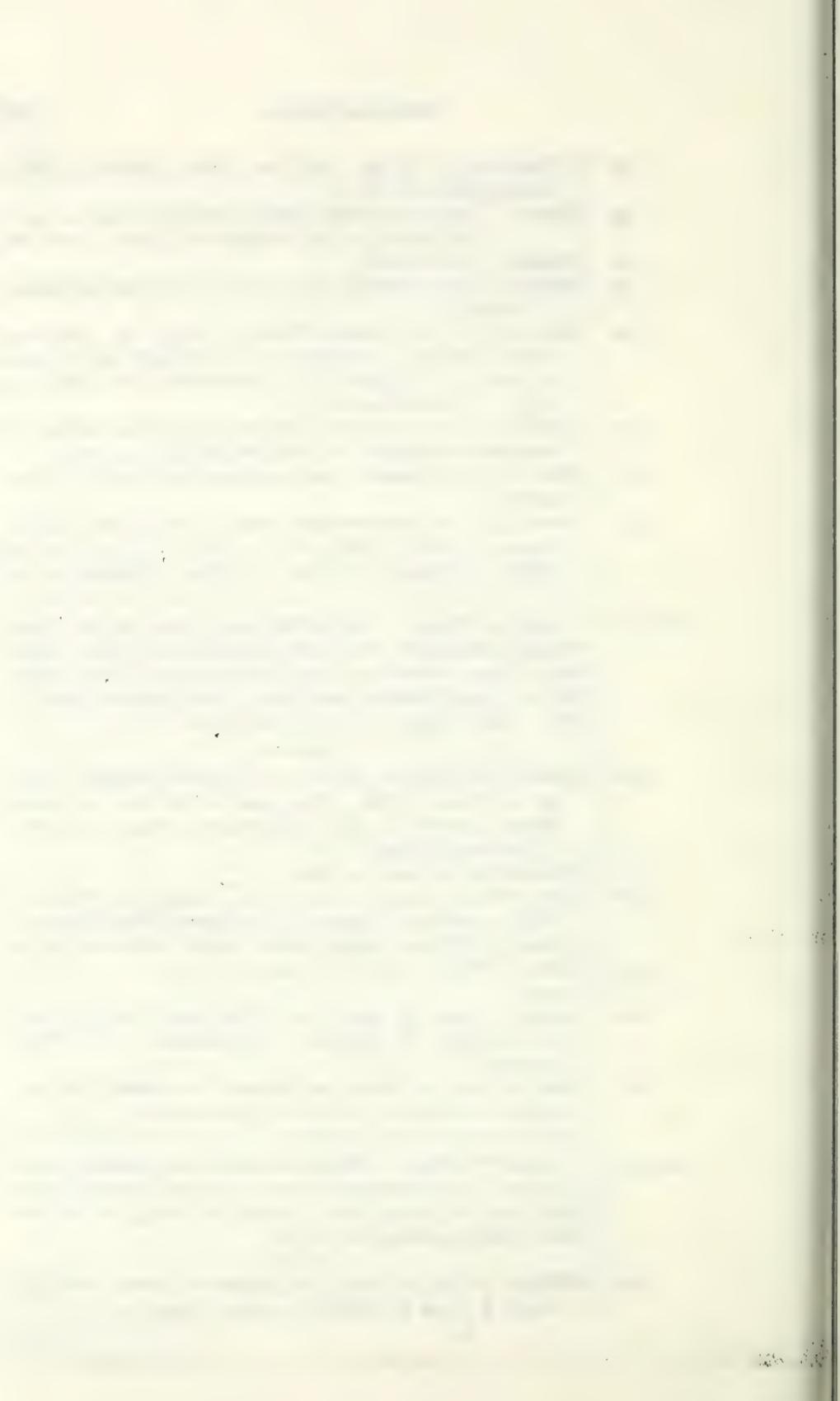
- 48    *Charles A.*, b. May, 1823; m., 1849, Maria L. Hill, Charlestown, N. H.  
 49    *Maria*, } were drowned together in the Canal at Lowell, in 1831, at the ages of 4 and 2 yrs., re-  
 50    *Isabella*, } spectively.  
 51    *Maria F.*, b. in Lowell, May 6, 1832; m. Charles Steele; r. Toledo, O.  
 52    *Harriet A.*, b. in Lowell, Oct. 14, 1833; m., June 29, 1863, John H. F. Wiers; ch., (1) Carrie A., b. June 27, 1864; (2) Edgar S., b. Meadville, Pa., May 15, 1873; r. Meadville, Pa.  
 53    *William H.*, b. in Lowell, Oct. 21, 1835; was killed by the cars at Grafton, O., Dec. 29, 1858, æ. 23 yrs.  
 54    *Mary F.*, b. in Lowell, Dec. 5, 1839; m. Albert B. Hannaford.  
 55    *Sarah E.*, b. in Peterborough, Sept. 25, 1843; m. John J. Moore, April 6, 1863; ch., (1) Ella M., b. Nov. 20, 1865; (2) Frank S., b. Oct. 17, 1872; r. Meadville, Pa.
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8- 36    **SAMUEL SWAN.** He resided many years on his farm, on East Mountain, when he purchased the Gen. David Steele farm, where he lived some years till his death. He m. Janet Steele, dau. Gen. David Steele, Sept. 7, 1817. He d. Sept. 17, 1854, æ. 63 yrs.

- 56    *David S.*, b. May 21, 1818; m. Charlotte Moore, 1844; she d. Nov. 8, 1866. One son, Albert M.; m., 1866, Helen Churchill. He d. February, 1874, æ. 56 yrs.; r. Lawrence, Mass.  
 57    *Elizabeth S.*, b. Jan. 11, 1820.  
 58    *Lucy Ann*, b. Aug. 9, 1823; m. Charles F. Mitchell, 1848; one son, George; r. Lawrence, Mass.; she d. June 7, 1858, æ. 34 yrs.; he d. Jan. 8, 1851, æ. 33 yrs.  
 59    *Albert*, b. Nov. 4, 1826; d. Aug. 26, 1845, æ. 18 yrs., 9 mos.  
 60    *George*, b. June 19, 1829; m. Abbie Mott, Nov. 3, 1851; ch., (1) Eva; (2) Ithamar; (3) Charlotte; re. to Pennsylvania.  
 61    *Janet*, b. Oct. 24, 1831; m. Edward S. Cutter, May 21, 1850; r. Amherst; she d. 1873, æ. 42 yrs.
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12- 40    **JAMES W. SWAN.** He lived and d. on a farm north of the Gen. David Steele place. He m. Agnes Nancy Blair, April 6, 1815; she d. April 7, 1845, æ. 56 yrs. He d. Dec. 30, 1824, æ. 32 yrs.

- 62    *William*, b. Dec. 6, 1815; m. Frances Kemp, Sept. 26, 1844; d. June 5, 1866, æ. 50 yrs., 6 mos.



- 63 †*James*, b. July 9, 1816; m., 1st w., Elizabeth P. White; 2d w., Mary W. Grant.  
 64 *Anna*, b. 1821; d. Jan. 10, 1853, æ. 32 yrs.  
 65 *Mary*, b. ——; m. John Kelso White; r. Hanover, Ill.
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29- 48 CHARLES A. SWAN m. Maria L. Hill, Charlestown, N. H. She d. Jacksonville, Ill., Oct. 31, 1871.

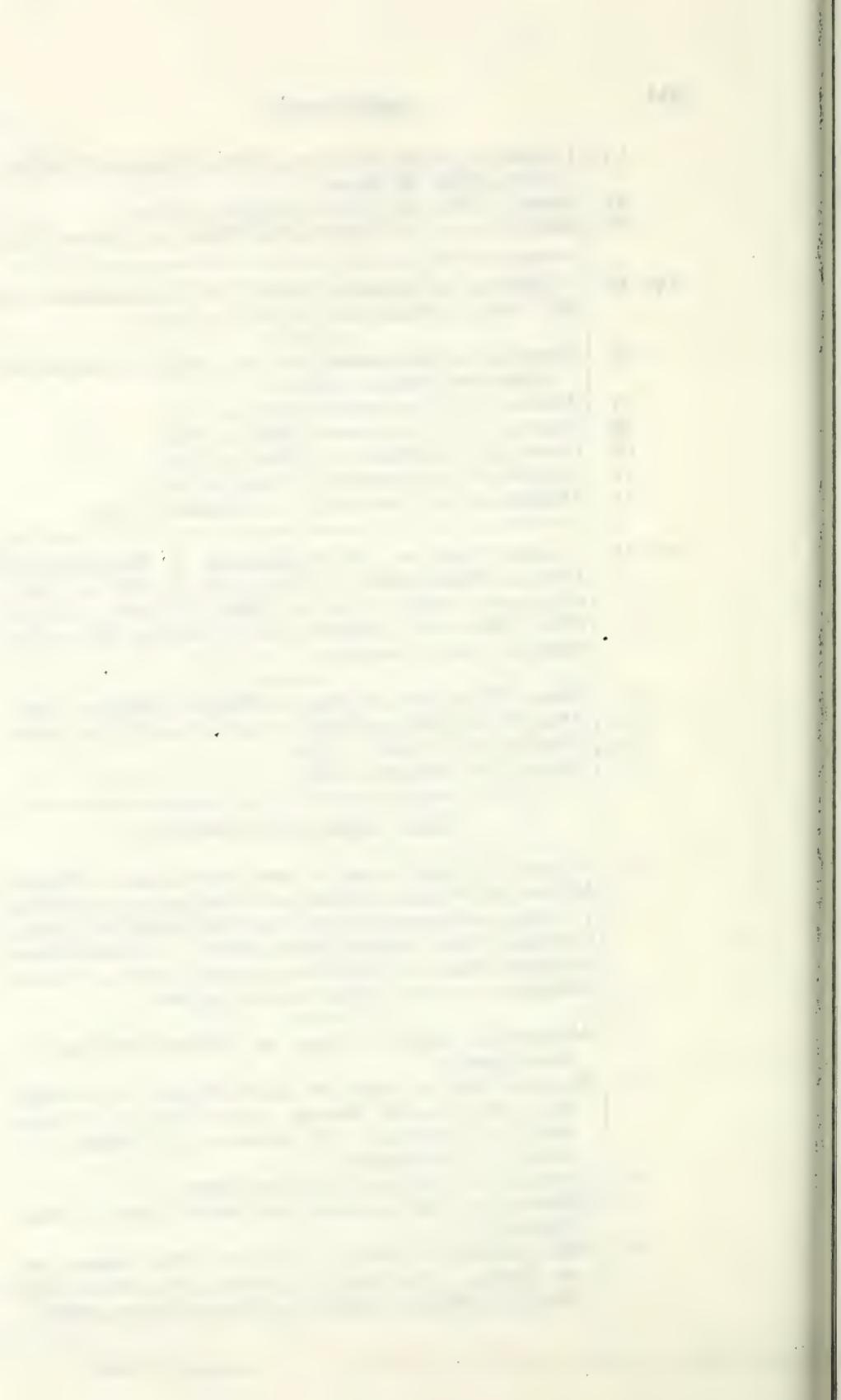
- 66 *Mary A.*, b. Charlestown, Nov. 12, 1849; m. Alonzo M. Hannaford, Feb. 20, 1868.  
 67 *Maria L.*, b. Charlestown, April 21, 1851.  
 68 *Charles A.*, b. Charlestown, Jan. 2, 1854.  
 69 *Carrie F.*, b. Norwalk, O., Nov. 22, 1855.  
 70 *Arabella F.*, b. Norwalk, O., Aug. 14, 1857.  
 71 *William H.*, b. Cleveland, O., September, 1859.
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40- 63 JAMES SWAN m., 1st w., Elizabeth P. White, dau. of John S. White, March 17, 1846; she d. Oct. 14, 1856, æ. 39 yrs., 3 mos.; m., 2d w., Mary W. Grant, Jan. 30, 1862. He re. to Hanover, Ill., in 1867 or '68; 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., one ch.

- 72 *James W.*, b. Jan. 18, 1849; d. Sept. 12, 1850, æ. 1 yr.  
 73 *Anna F.*, b. April 30, 1853; d. April 10, 1863, æ. 10 yrs.  
 74 *Elizabeth P.*, b. June 5, 1856.  
 75 *Nancy L.*, b. Nov. 26, 1862.
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#### THE TAGGART FAMILY.

- 1 JOHN TAGGART came to town with Deacon William McNee and William Ritchie, with his family, about May 1, 1752, and occupied the place purchased of Joseph Caldwell, "the George Shedd farm." He came from Roxbury, Mass., his first five ch. being b. there. He m. Barbara ——; he d. 1813, æ. 92 or 93 yrs.
- 2 *Margaret*, b. Sept. 17, 1740; m. William McClary; r. New Ipswich.
- 3 *James*, b. May 11, 1742; m. Elizabeth Nay; re. to Dublin, 1788; ch., (1) Barbara; (2) William; (3) Elizabeth; (4) Margaret; (5) Rebecca; (6) James; (7) John; (8) Washington.
- 4 *Sarah*, b. Feb. 26, 1745; m. John Swan.
- 5 *Catharine*, b. June 14, 1747; m. Daniel Cleary; r. New Ipswich.
- 6 *John* (Ensign), b. Feb. 11, 1750; m. Anna Eames; re. to Dublin, 1797; ch., (1) Jacob; (2) David; (3) John; (4) Sally; d. Nov. 15, 1832, æ. 82 yrs., 9 mos.



- 7 | *Mary*, b. June 23, 1752 ; m. Samuel Hogg, name changed to Shepherd.
- 8 | *Rachel*, b. in Peterborough, Feb. 26, 1755 ; m. Hugh Gregg.
- 9 | *Esther*, b. in Peterborough, May 23, 1759 ; m. William Milliken ; d. March 28, 1790, æ. 31 yrs.
- 10 | *William*, b. in Peterborough, Dec. 28, 1761 ; m. Hannah Barnes ; ch., (1) William ; (2) John ; (3) Abner ; (4) Sally ; (5) Hannah ; (6) Betsey. He d. March 9, 1844, æ. 82 yrs., 2 mos. She d. Oct. 13, 1857, æ. 91 yrs. ; r. Sharon.

ALBERT TAGGART, son of Washington Taggart, of Sharon, b. Nov. 30, 1828 ; m. Mary E. Gowing, dau. of Moses and Mary J. Gowing, July 30, 1849.

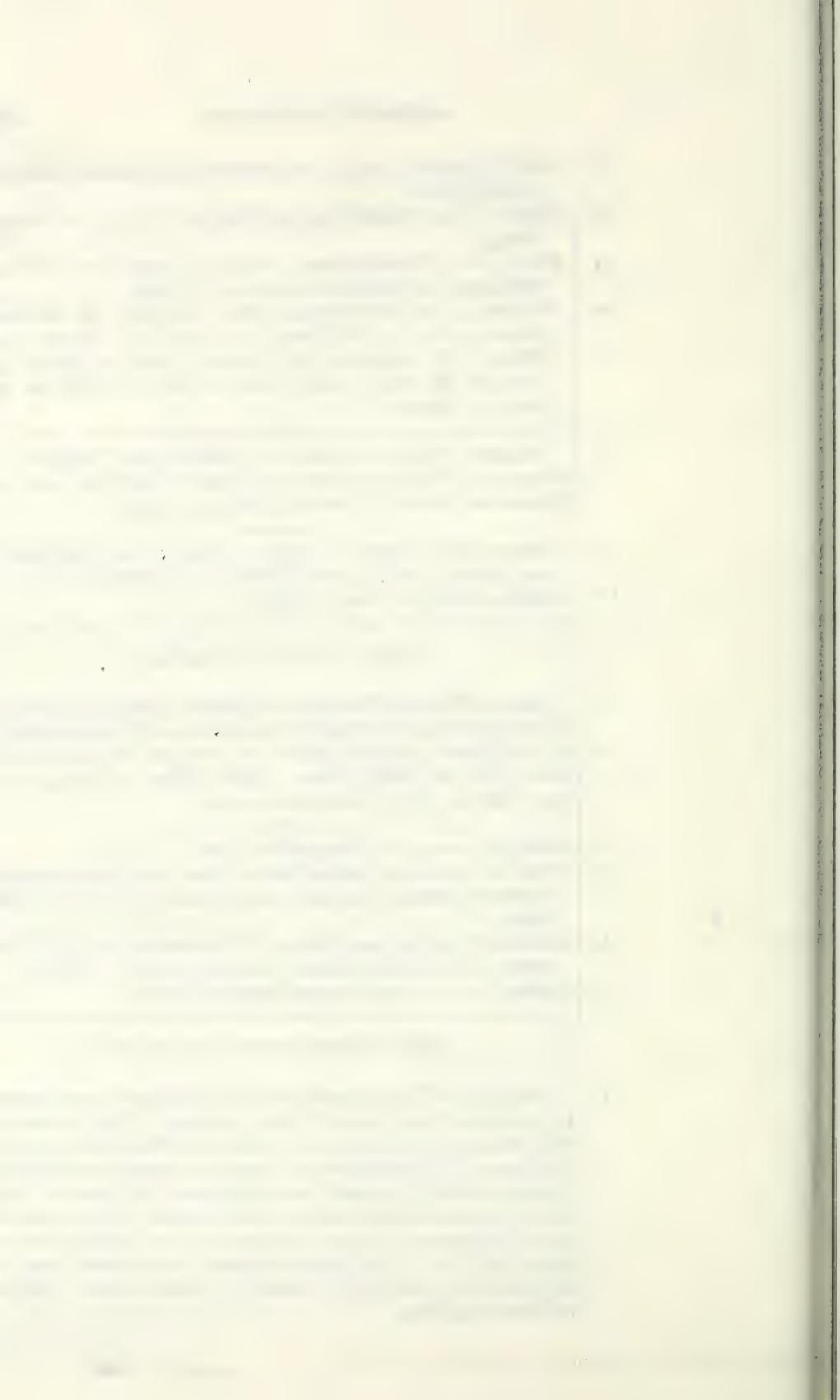
- 11 | *Florence M.*, b. April 19, 1850 ; a teacher in Maryland ; m., July 25, 1876, John Doyen ; r. Winona, Minn.
- 12 | *Sophia Adelia*, b. June 6, 1856.

### THE TAYLOR FAMILY.

- 1 | ISAIAH TAYLOR lived on the Jabez Carley farm, which he purchased of George Duncan, Sen., of Londonderry, in 1778, and probably came to town to live about that time. He m. Mary ——. He d. Nov. 1, 1801, æ. 74 yrs. ; she d. July 7, 1803, æ. 74 yrs.
- 2 | *Betsey*, b. —— ; m. Alexander Scott.
- 3 | *Polly*, b. —— ; m. James Smith ; they lived on the same farm of (Isaiah Taylor) many years ; re. to New Ipswich.
- 4 | *Charles*, b. 1762 ; m. Betsey Whittemore ; ch., (1) Joseph ; (2) Charles ; he d. Nov. 20, 1800, æ. 38 yrs.
- 5 | *Nabby*, b. —— ; m. James Stroud, Canada.

### THE TEMPLETON FAMILY.

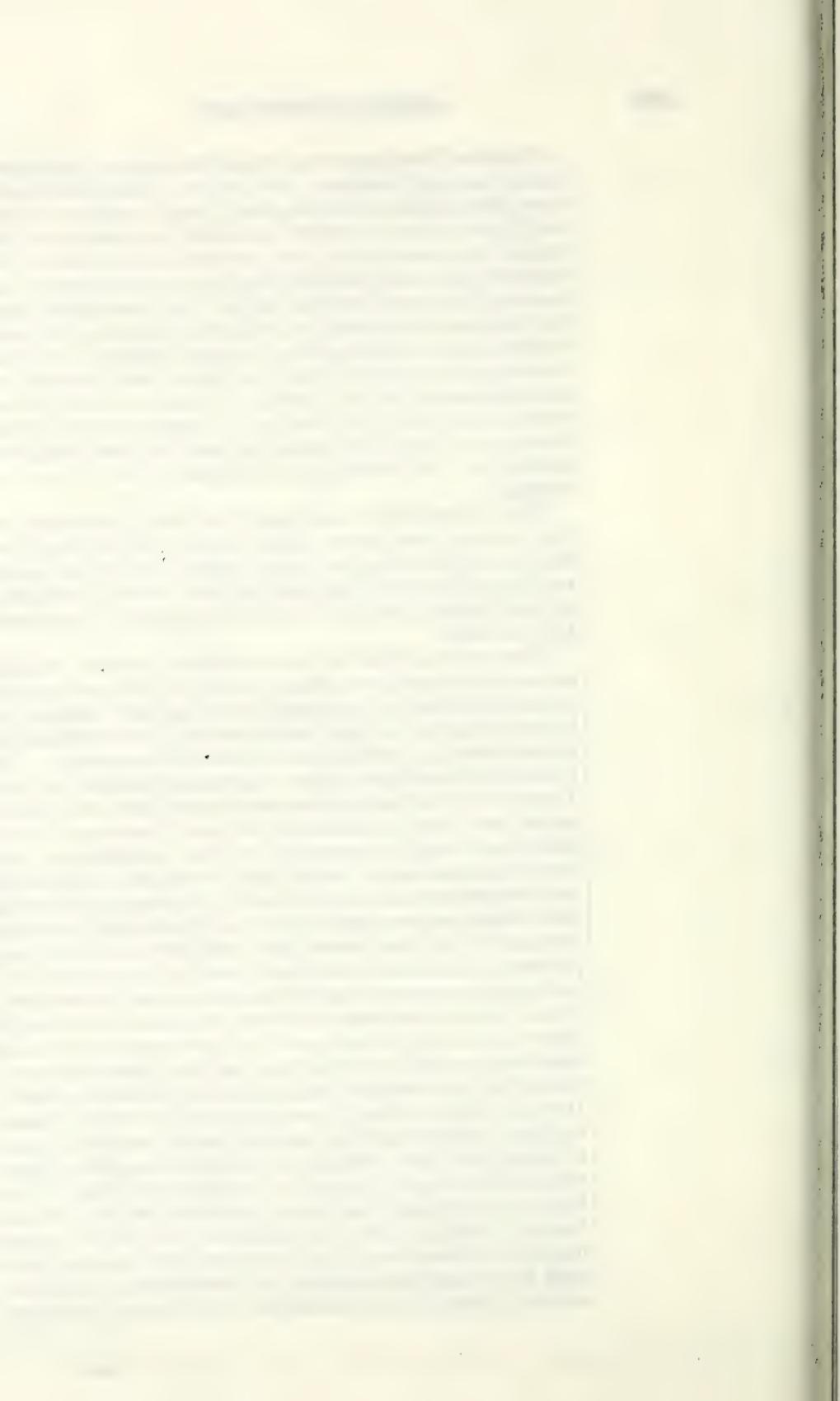
- 1 | MATTHEW TEMPLETON and his brother James came to America from Ireland when young. They came to Peterborough from ——, where Matthew m. Jennie Harkness, at precisely what time we cannot determine. It was probably as early as 1770, near the time of his marriage, for we find that he was chosen tithing-man in 1771, treasurer in 1776, and one of the Committee of Safety in 1778. He began his farm in the east part of the town, the same now owned by Caleb Wilder. Here he lived and died.



Matthew Templeton was one of the striking characters among our early settlers. He made a deep impression upon the people of his time, and I well recollect in my early years that no name was more frequently on the lips of his descendants and successors than his. His eccentricities and peculiarities have come down to us, marking a strong-minded, wilful, and obstinate man. He was most notorious for his hostility to any — the least — innovation in the mode of public worship. He was eminently a religious man, but stern and austere, reminding one of the old Scotch Covenanters, who feared neither man, flesh, nor the devil. Many of the old Presbyterians of that day were as fixed in their religious notions as the Medes and Persians, — they knew no change.

This is somewhat facetiously, but well, illustrated in the prayer of the Scotch elder, who besought the Lord that he might always be right, adding, "for thou knowest, Lord, that I am very hard to turn," or as expressed in the Scottish dialect, "ye ken, Lord, that I am unco hard to turn."

They had no idea that there could be any true worship but what was similar to theirs ; what they did not understand, they took on assumption, taking care always to believe enough, — living and showing to the world more of the type of a Jewish than a Christian community. It is very little we know of the domestic character of Mr. Templeton ; his family government must have been patriarchal and after the model of the old Testament ; kind in his way, but little amenable to the teachings of the new dispensation, in which love, forbearance, kindness, and forgiveness are so prominent. He was esteemed a pious man, and no doubt that family and daily worship was set up in his house, the Scripture read and explained, his children catechised, and all with great sincerity and propriety ; and if music was ever introduced, it was only of the voice that was tolerated ; for though David played on the harp, and stringed instruments were used in the worship of the Jews, yet Mr. Templeton considered all instrumental music as coming from the devil. It was a great trial and abomination to him when a bass-viol was carried into the meeting-house, and he is said to have gone out, with great indignation against those who would bring in Dagon for the worship of God. The following anecdote, has been furnished me by Deacon Samuel Weston : He was displeased with their using musical instruments in the church, so that on one Sabbath he thought he would go to Greenfield to meeting, where he should not be annoyed with Dagon ; but to use



his own words, he says: "When I got in sight of the meeting-house, there was a man with a goon (bassoon), and Dagon was there too, and I jist got on to mee ould meer and cum home." He even indulged in a spite against so innocent and necessary an instrument as the pitch-pipe; and it is related that on one occasion, when the singers did not get the right pitch on the tune, the old gentleman, who had a seat just back of the singers, cried out audibly, so as to be heard all over the house, "Try the whostle agen."

When Mr. Dunbar was settled, Mr. Templeton was among the remonstrants on that occasion; and always adhered to his Presbyterianism; and yet I suppose that he used to go to meeting. I imagine that he entertained no personal hostility to Mr. Dunbar. He makes a record on the church-book as follows, June 2, 1809: "Attended the funeral of Mr. Matthew Templeton, aged seventy-four years; a member of the Presbyterian communion, who died after a long decline and much distress and darkness, but I hope is gone to a better world. Though opposed to my settlement, he exhibited many proofs of friendship to me of late years, and called for me to visit him in his sickness."

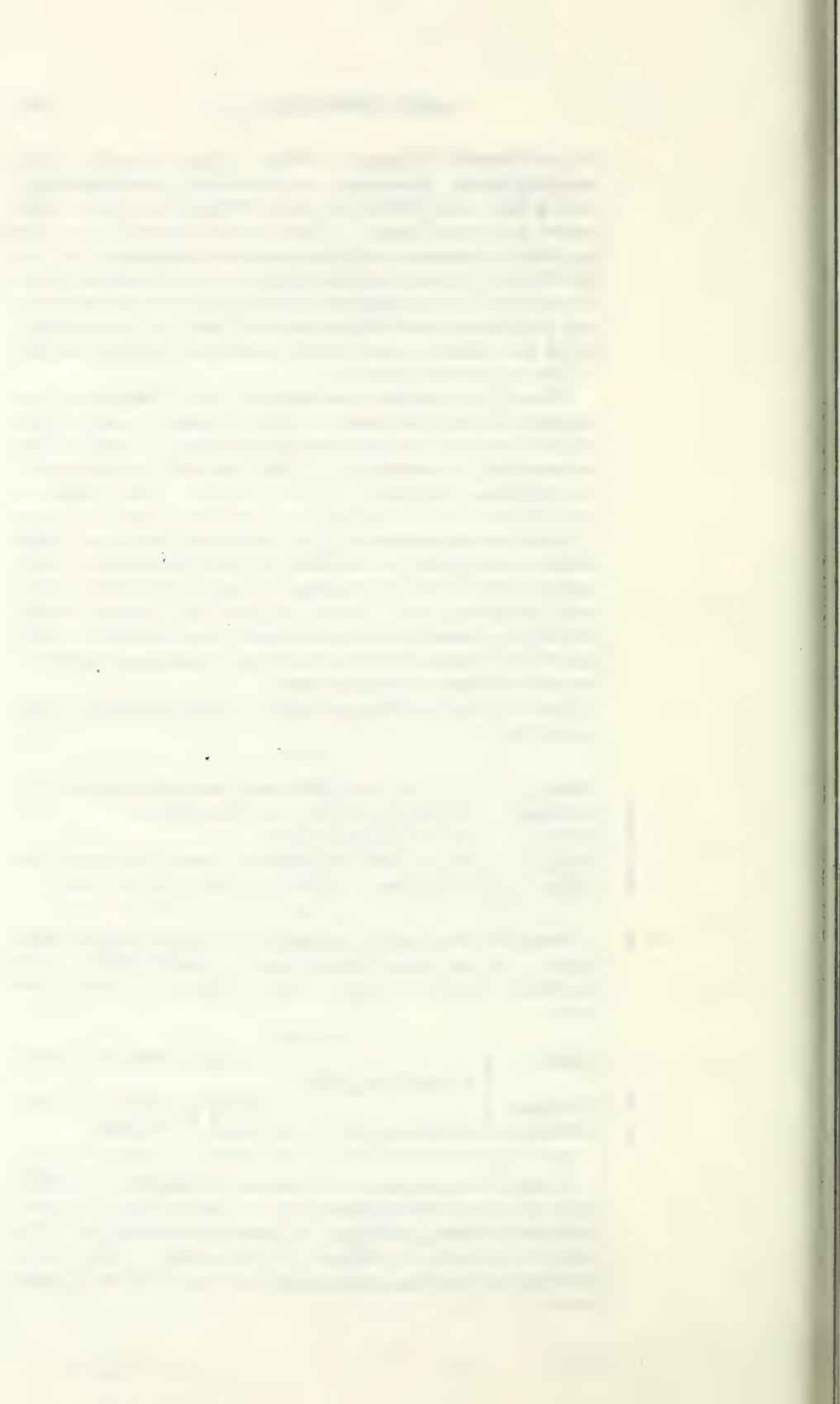
He d. May 30, 1809, æ. 73 yrs. She d. Nov. 9, 1780, æ. 43 yrs.

- 2 *Betsey*, b. 1770; m. John Holmes; re. to Montpelier, Vt.  
 3 †*Samuel*, b. March 30, 1772; m. Jane Miller.  
 4 *Anna*, b. 1774; m. Hugh Miller.  
 5 *Sally*, b. 1776; m. Reuben Robbe; never lived with him.  
 6 *Fennie*, b. 1778; unm.; d. Feb. 19, 1849, æ. 71 yrs.

1- 3 SAMUEL TEMPLETON succeeded his father on the home-stead. He m. Jane Miller, dau. of James Miller. He d. Oct. 8, 1832, æ. 60 yrs. She d. June 18, 1840, æ. 66 yrs.

- 7 *John*, } d. Oct. 8, 1806, æ. 14 dys.  
 8 *Harkness*, } b. Sept. 24, 1806; d. May 30, 1818, æ. 12 yrs.  
 9 *Catharine*, b. Oct. 22, 1811; m. Caleb F. Wilder.

JAMES TEMPLETON was a brother to Matthew Templeton, and came at the same time to town with him, and occupied a farm adjoining his, now constituting the Edes farm and that of William S. Treadwell. He re. to Montpelier in 1800, and d. there in 1807. He m. Jennet.



- 10 *Agnes*, b. Sept. 24, 1758. (11) *Mary*, b. April 10, 1760.  
 12 *William*, b. Oct. 24, 1762; m. Mary Moore, of Sharon.  
 13 *John*, b. Nov. 14, 1764.  
 14 *Fenny*, b. 1766; m. Charles McCoy.
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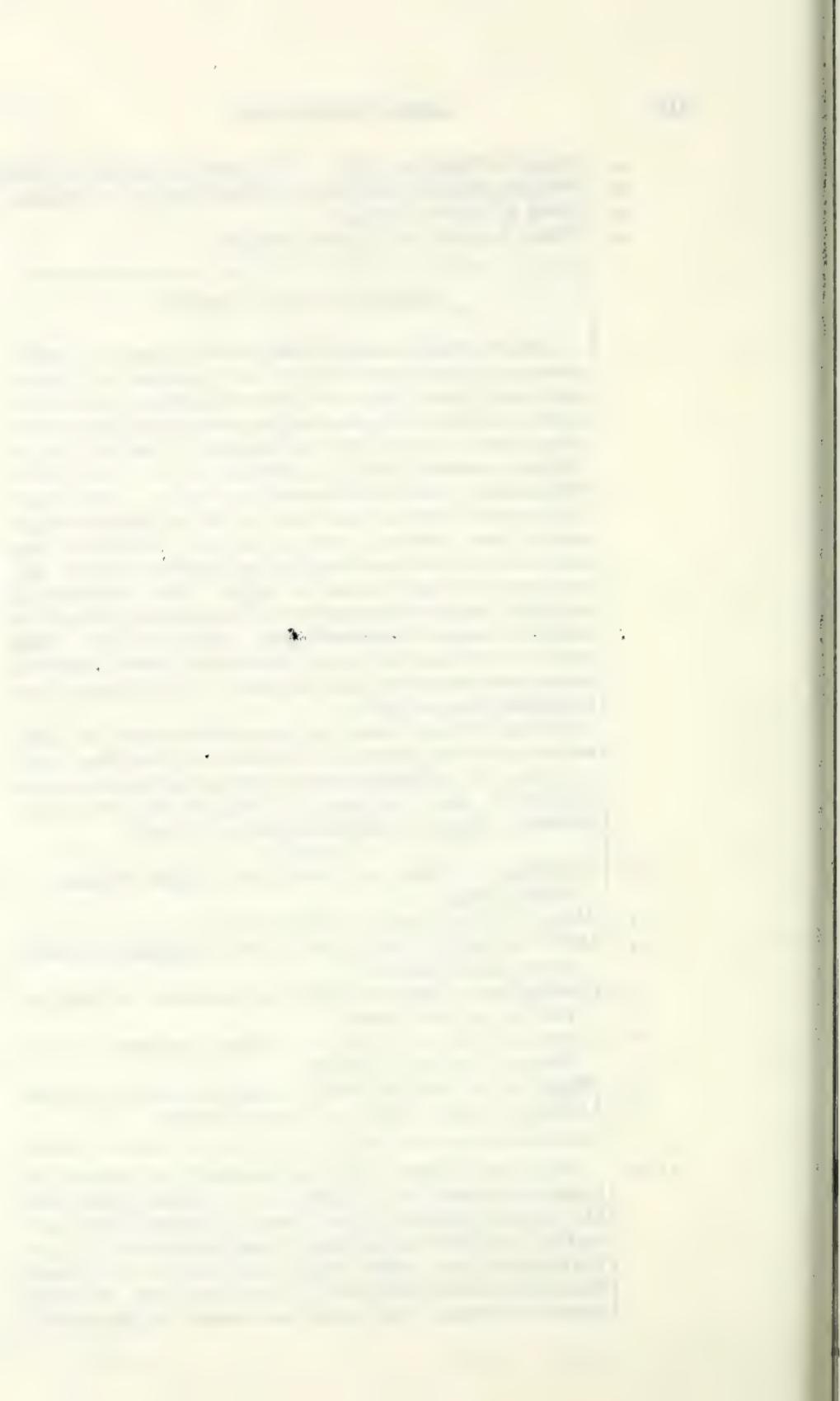
### • THE THAYER FAMILY.

1 CHRISTOPHER THAYER (Dea.) was the son of Christopher and Mary Morse Thayer, and grandson to Ephraim and Sarah Bass Thayer, of Braintree, Mass.; the wife of Ephraim Thayer, his grandmother, was a third descendant direct from John Alden, the pilgrim. One of Deacon Thayer's sisters, Ruth, b. July 1, 1752, m. John Field, who came to town at the same time he did. Her father, Christopher Thayer, came late in life to Peterborough, and d. here, Dec. 10, 1787, æ. 84 yrs. Mr. Thayer was out in the French war when he was sixteen years of age, and was at Cape Breton in 1757. He subsequently served in the Revolutionary War, but when and where we have no means of determining. He lived on a farm north of the Gordon place, which had been improved some years when he came to town. He emigrated here from Braintree in 1786.

He m. Bethiah Hunt, and the children were all born before he moved to town. He was b. in Braintree, April 27, 1741; d. at Peterborough, Sept. 28, 1823, æ. 82 yrs. She was b. Nov. 30, 1744; d. Feb. 28, 1817, æ. 73 yrs. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

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- 2 †*William*, b. Nov. 25, 1767; m. Abigail Wyman, of Ashby, Mass.  
 3 *Mary*, b. July 8, 1771; d. in infancy.  
 4 †*Eber*, b. Aug. 17, 1773; m., 1st w., Elizabeth Jaquith; 2d w., Sarah Everett.  
 5 *Christopher*, b. Dec. 28, 1776; an imbecile; d. May 12, 1818, æ. 41 yrs., 4 mos.  
 6 *Sarah*, b. Feb. 12, 1779; m. Elihu Penniman, Jr.; d. March 10, 1807, æ. 28 yrs.  
 7 *Joseph A.*, b. May 18, 1781; d. Aug. 18, 1803, æ. 22 yrs.  
 8 †*Elihu*, b. May 1, 1783; m. Susan Everett.
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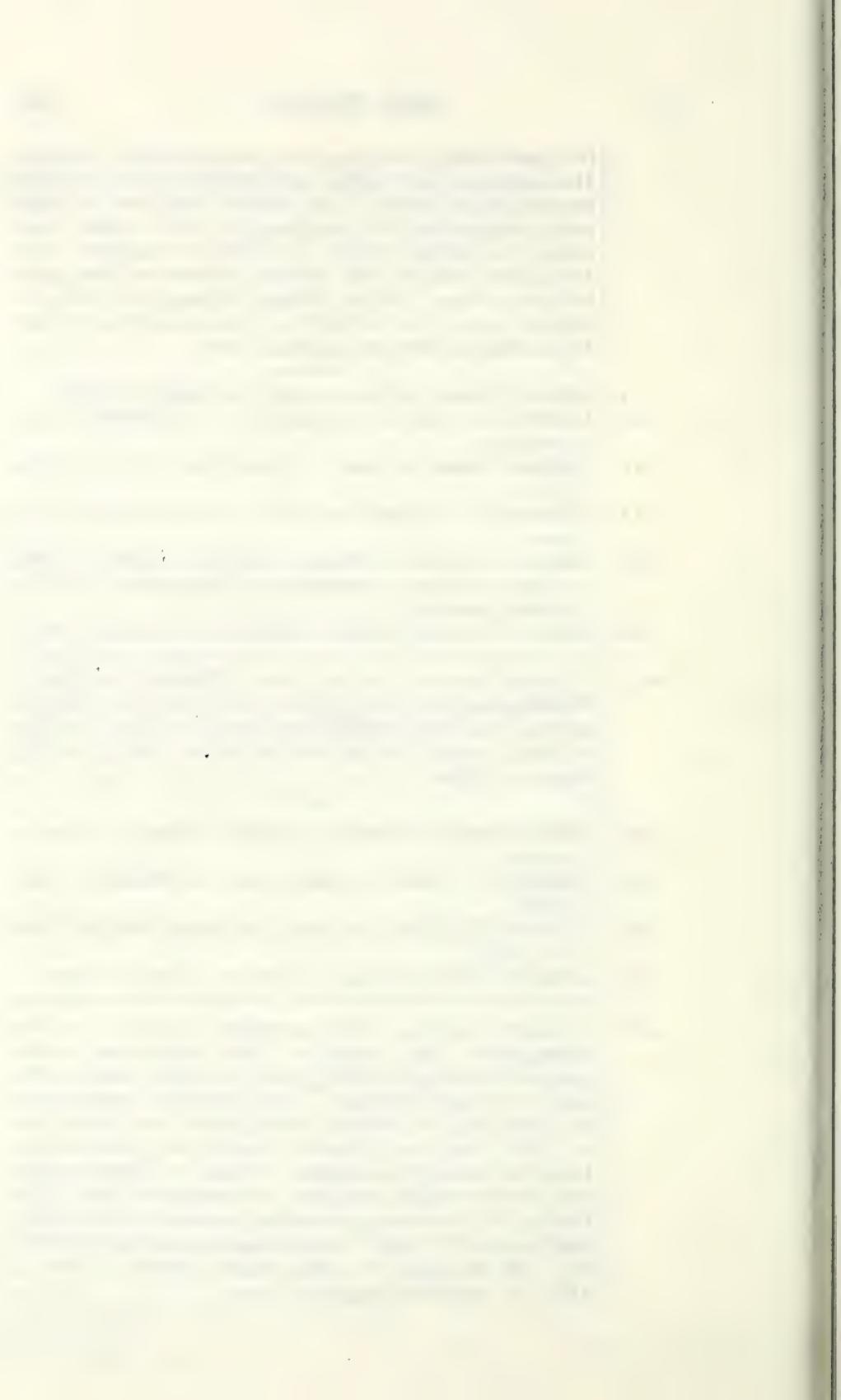
1- 2 WILLIAM THAYER. He died suddenly at Amherst, of injuries received in a playful and innocent scuffle with Mr. Cushing, editor of the *Farmer's Cabinet*. He then carried the mail, on contract, from Brattleboro, Vt., to Portsmouth, once every week, and was on his return when the accident occurred. He was the first mail-contractor in town. His routes were made on horseback,



the roads being too rough for any kind of a carriage. His successor, Mr. Gibbs, also carried the mail in this manner many years. It is singular that both of these early contractors for carrying the mail should have come to a violent death. It will be remembered that Mr. Gibbs lost his life by being thrown off the great bridge in 1824. He m. Abigail Wyman, of Ashby, b. Sept. 6, 1774. She d. July 11, 1818, æ. 43 yrs., 10 mos. He d. Aug. 6, 1807, æ. 39 yrs., 8 mos.

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- 9   *Abijah Wyman*, b. Jan. 5, 1796; m. Susan Bradley.  
 10   *Cephas P.*, b. Sept. 6, 1797; m. — ; r. Cambridge; is a printer.  
 11   *Stephen Wyman*, b. Aug. 1, 1801; m. — ; r. Clyde, N. Y.  
 12   *Elizabeth S.*, b. March 23, 1803; d. Jan. 18, 1817, æ. 13 yrs.  
 13   *Abigail S.*, b. Dec. 3, 1804; m. Royal B. Hancock, June, 1832; went as a missionary to Burmah and d. on her return passage.  
 14   *Sarah W.*, b. July 6, 1806; d. Jan. 22, 1807, æ. 5 mos.
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- I- 4   EBER THAYER. He m., 1st w., Elizabeth Jaquith, of Washington, b. April 25, 1780; she d. Oct. 30, 1805, æ. 25 yrs.; m., 2d w., Sarah Everett, May 8, 1817; b. May 21, 1785; she d. Dec. 8, 1866, æ. 82 yrs. He d. Jan. 23, 1849, æ. 75 yrs.
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- 15   *Maria Everett*, b. March 10, 1818; d. Feb. 11, 1839, æ. 21 yrs.  
 16   *Joseph A.*, b. Nov. 25, 1819; m. — Messer; r. Jaffrey.  
 17   *Elizabeth F.*, b. Oct. 21, 1822; m. Abner Haggett, June 24, 1845.  
 18   *Abigail*, b. July 27, 1824; d. July 12, 1850, æ. 26 yrs.
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- I- 8   ELIHU THAYER. He succeeded his father on the home place. Mr. Thayer is a lineal descendant, on the paternal side in the sixth generation, from John Alden, one of the pilgrim fathers. John Alden's youngest dau. m. John Bass, of Braintree, now Quincy, and Sarah, dau. of John Bass, m. Ephraim Thayer, and Christopher, father of Deacon Christopher Thayer, of Peterborough, and father of Elihu, was one of fourteen children of his family. He has always resided in town, a chair-maker and painter by trade. He now survives, at the age of 93 yrs. He m., April 11, 1813, Susan Everett, b. Nov. 3, 1783; d. Sept. 20, 1855, æ. 71 yrs.



- 19 *Eliza Ann*, b. Nov. 4, 1813 ; m. Mark Wilder.
- 20 *William*, b. March 4, 1815 ; m., 1st w., Sarah Allison ; d. June 18, 1846, æ. 29 yrs., 10 mos. ; m., 2d w., Clarissa Osgood, of Lawrence ; r. Haverhill, Mass.
- 21 *Susan*, b. April 1, 1816 ; m. Lyman Baker ; r. Northampton, Mass.
- 22 †*John N.*, b. Aug. 5, 1817 ; m. Loretta H. Thayer.
- 23 *Sarah P.*, b. Oct. 10, 1818 ; d. Oct. 2, 1826, æ. 8 yrs.
- 24 *Martha E.*, b. July 8, 1821 ; m., Nov. 25, 1847, Allen Buckminster ; ch., (1) Susan A., b. Sept. 24, 1848 ; m., Jan. 15, 1872, Charles W. Holt ; r. Springfield, Mass. ; (2) Mary Emma, b. Sept. 18, 1856 ; (3) Julia M., b. July 25, 1859.
- 25 *Mary F.*, b. Aug. 10, 1822 ; unm. ; r. Manchester.
- 26 *Charles*, b. May 18, 1824 ; d. Sept. 4, 1826, æ. 2 yrs.
- 27 *Nancy Hunt*, b. March 3, 1826 ; d. July 15, 1829, æ. 3 yrs.
- 28 *George*, b. Feb. 16, 1828 ; m. Malvina Kidder ; r. Haverhill, Mass.

2- 9 ABIJAH WYMAN THAYER. His early youth was spent in town, where he enjoyed the limited means of education afforded by the common schools, till he was fourteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to Lincoln & Edmunds, of Boston, to learn the printer's trade. Being drafted during his apprenticeship, in the war of 1812, he served three months as a soldier in the fort in Boston Harbor. He was first employed in the book printing-office of Flagg & Gould, of Andover, Mass., but soon bought an interest in the Concord (N. H.) *Gazette*, when he began his editorial labors. After two years, he removed to Portland, Me., where till 1826 he was editor of the *Independent Statesman*, the only paper of extended circulation which at that time advocated the election of John Quincy Adams to the presidency. He conducted the canvass with great spirit and sagacity, and was mainly instrumental in securing the vote of the State to his candidate. In 1826, Mr. Thayer removed to Haverhill, Mass., to become the editor of the Haverhill *Gazette*, which he soon purchased and changed the name to that of *Essex Gazette*.

The *History of Haverhill*, published in 1861, makes frequent allusions to Mr. Thayer, and says of him: "From October, 1826, to July, 1835, Mr. Thayer resided in this town, during which time he was one of our most active, useful, and respected citizens. He was one of the first to enlist in the temperance movement ; was the secretary of the first meeting and the first secretary of the first society when organized, in which office he con-

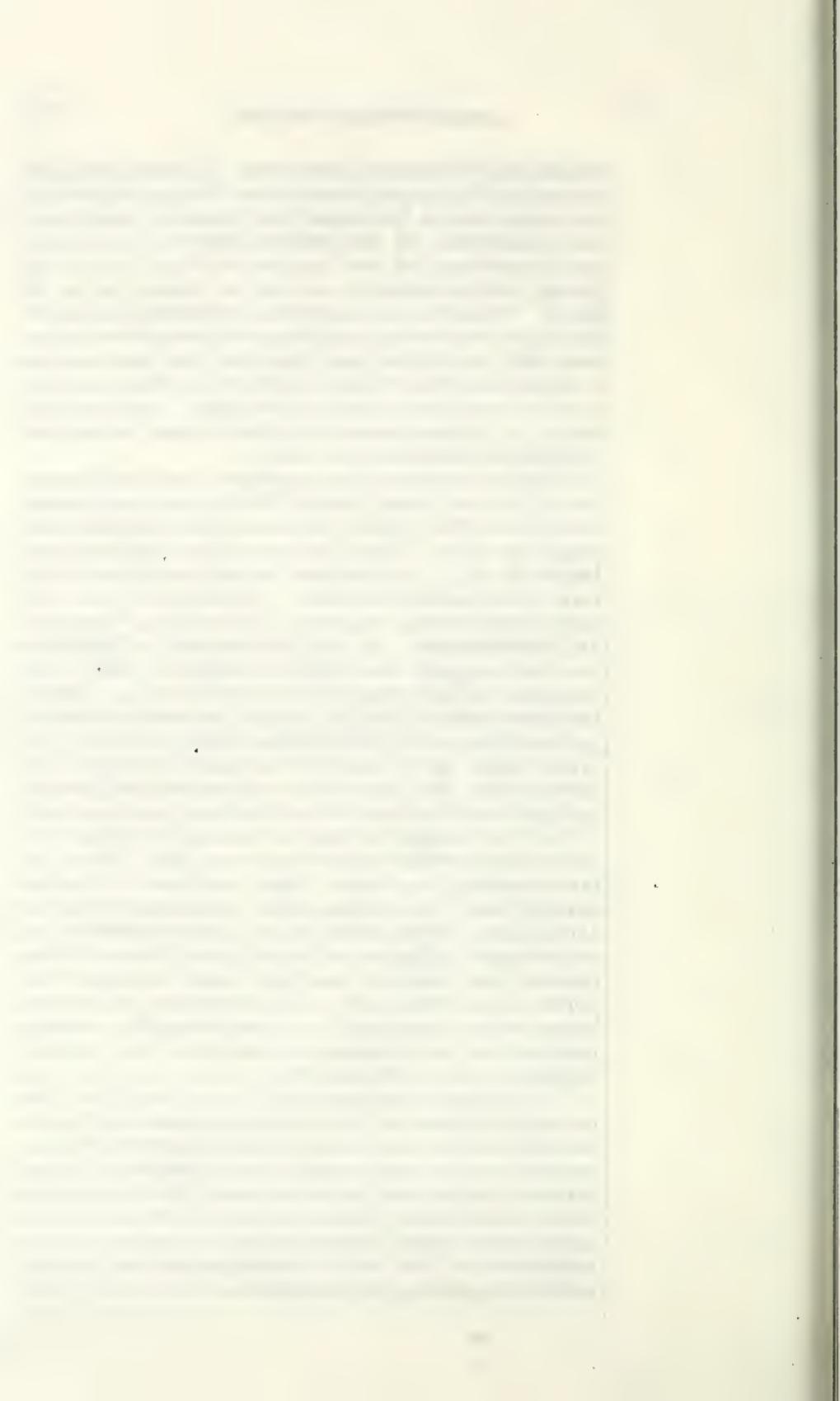


tinued until he removed from town. He early advocated the cause in his paper, but such was the opposition that in a short time he lost about four hundred subscribers. His *Gazette* was the first *political paper* that ever came out in advocacy of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, and the *second of any kind in America, or in the world*. When the movement was commenced in Haverhill, there were twenty-nine places in town where liquors were sold; but in five years from that time there was not a single place where it was openly sold, and but one where it was supposed to be sold clandestinely. As a political paper, the *Gazette* was at this time classed among the very first in the county and State."

With the exception of six months in 1830, from January 1<sup>st</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>, when John G. Whittier occupied the editorial chair, Mr. Thayer was sole editor, publisher, and proprietor of the *Essex Gazette* from the time mentioned before till 1835. In that year, he sold out the establishment and removed from town. He has since been connected with various papers in Philadelphia, Worcester, and Northampton. In 1841, he removed to Northampton, and engaged once more in editorial labor. He continued to reside here till his death in 1864. During the latter years of his life he did business as a broker and insurance and United States claim agent, though he always kept up his habit of occasional writing for the newspapers. Mr. Thayer was a sagacious, enlightened, and public-spirited man, with a kind and generous heart.

The Northampton *Free Press* in a notice of his death says: "In clearness of style as a writer, Mr. Thayer had few superiors; he never failed to make his points strongly, and his articles always commanded attention and respect. While editor of the *Essex Gazette* he exercised much influence in the politics of Eastern Massachusetts, and was an intelligent and honorable supporter of the Whig party. His knowledge of political history was unsurpassed, and few occupying a similar position had so extensive acquaintance with the distinguished men of the country.

"In 1827, while editor of the *Essex Gazette*, he came out boldly in favor of the temperance cause, and fought the battle of temperance from that time onward with unwearyed courage and vigor, often at the risk of great personal danger and pecuniary loss. He was also, as editor of the *Gazette*, one of the earliest advocates of the anti-slavery cause. He maintained to the last his early convictions of the evils of intemperance and slavery, and died regretting that he could not see the war ended,



and the abolition of slavery finally and completely accomplished."

Mr. Thayer m., Nov. 9, 1824, Susan Bradley, dau. Jonathan Bradley, of Andover, Mass., who survives him, and resides in Northampton. He d. 1867, æ. 71 yrs.

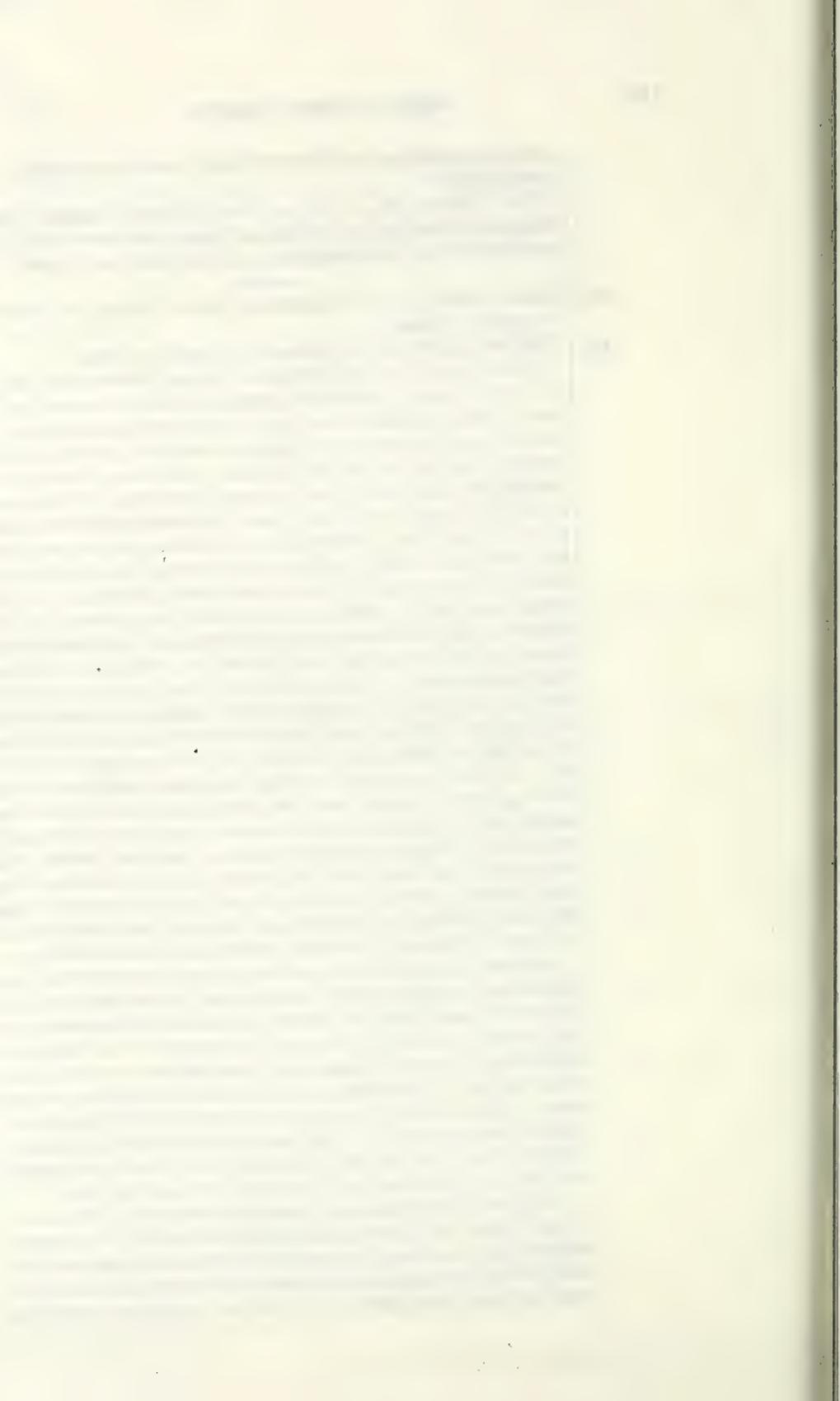
29 *Sarah Smith*, b. at Haverhill, Oct. 6, 1827; r. Northampton, Mass.

30 *William Sidney*, b. at Haverhill, April 15, 1829.

He entered the Sophomore Class at Harvard College in 1847, having prepared himself without the aid of a tutor, and graduated in 1850. After leaving college, he was engaged for some two years in teaching private pupils and reading law at Milton, Mass. But the profession of journalism was more to his taste than that of law, and in 1853 he went to New York City and joined the staff of the *New York Evening Post*, becoming in a few years its chief officer and editor, and "imparting to its columns" (it was said by a contemporary journal) "an interest and ability never before or since surpassed." The duties of his profession were arduous, and his health became greatly impaired ; and when, in 1861, he received the appointment of Consul-General for Egypt, he gladly availed himself of the opportunity it offered of residence in a milder climate, and entered at once upon the duties of his office, which he discharged with energy and ability. At his instance the rebel flag was excluded from the Egyptian ports, and an abuse inflicted upon the agent of a Christian missionary was not only instantly redressed through his intervention, but was made the occasion of securing for the future a larger toleration for the Christian faith, a service for which he received the marked approval of his own government, and the thanks of large bodies of Christians in England and America.

He was industrious in gathering and transmitting information touching the resources of Egypt, the culture of cotton, and other subjects of interest to the commercial world ; and the value of his services in these respects was shown in the early publication by the State department of portions of his despatches to the government. His health for a year or two steadily improved, but in the summer of 1863 he was prostrated by severe illness, from the effects of which he never recovered, and he d. at Alexandria, April 10, 1864, æ. 35 yrs.

In a notice of his death, one of many which the event called forth, the *Springfield Republican* said : "He was a man of rare accomplishments, of wise and various culture, refined tastes and habits, wise without dogmatism, earnest without coarseness, witty without vulgarity, practical



and poetical alike, a model journalist and a lovable man."

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*James Bradley*, b. in Haverhill, Jan. 15, 1831.

He entered Harvard College in 1848, having prepared himself mainly without help, and graduated the ninth scholar in his class, in 1852. After leaving college, he taught a private school in Milton, Mass., two years, reading law at the same time; and in 1854 entered the Law School, at Cambridge, where he remained two years, and received the degree of LL.B., securing also the first prize of his class for an essay on the "Law of Eminent Domain," which was afterwards printed in the *Law Reporter* of that year.

In 1857, he began business in Boston, in partnership with Hon. William J. Hubbard, a connection which he maintained until the death of Mr. Hubbard, in 1864, when by appointment of Gov. Andrew he succeeded Mr. Hubbard as one of the Masters in Chancery for Suffolk County. In 1865, he became a partner with Hon. Peleg W. Chandler, in the law firm of Chandler, Shattuck & Thayer, and afterwards Chandler, Thayer & Hudson, and in 1873 he was chosen Royal Professor of Law in the Law School at Cambridge, entering upon the duties of the office in 1874. He resided in Cambridge from 1854 until 1861. In April of that year he m. Miss Sophia Bradford Ripley, of Concord, Mass., and removed to Milton, where he remained until the autumn of 1874, when he returned to Cambridge to undertake the duties of the office which he now holds. He has four children. We are in part indebted to an account of Prof. Thayer published in the *Harvard Book*, from which we have also taken the following paragraph:—

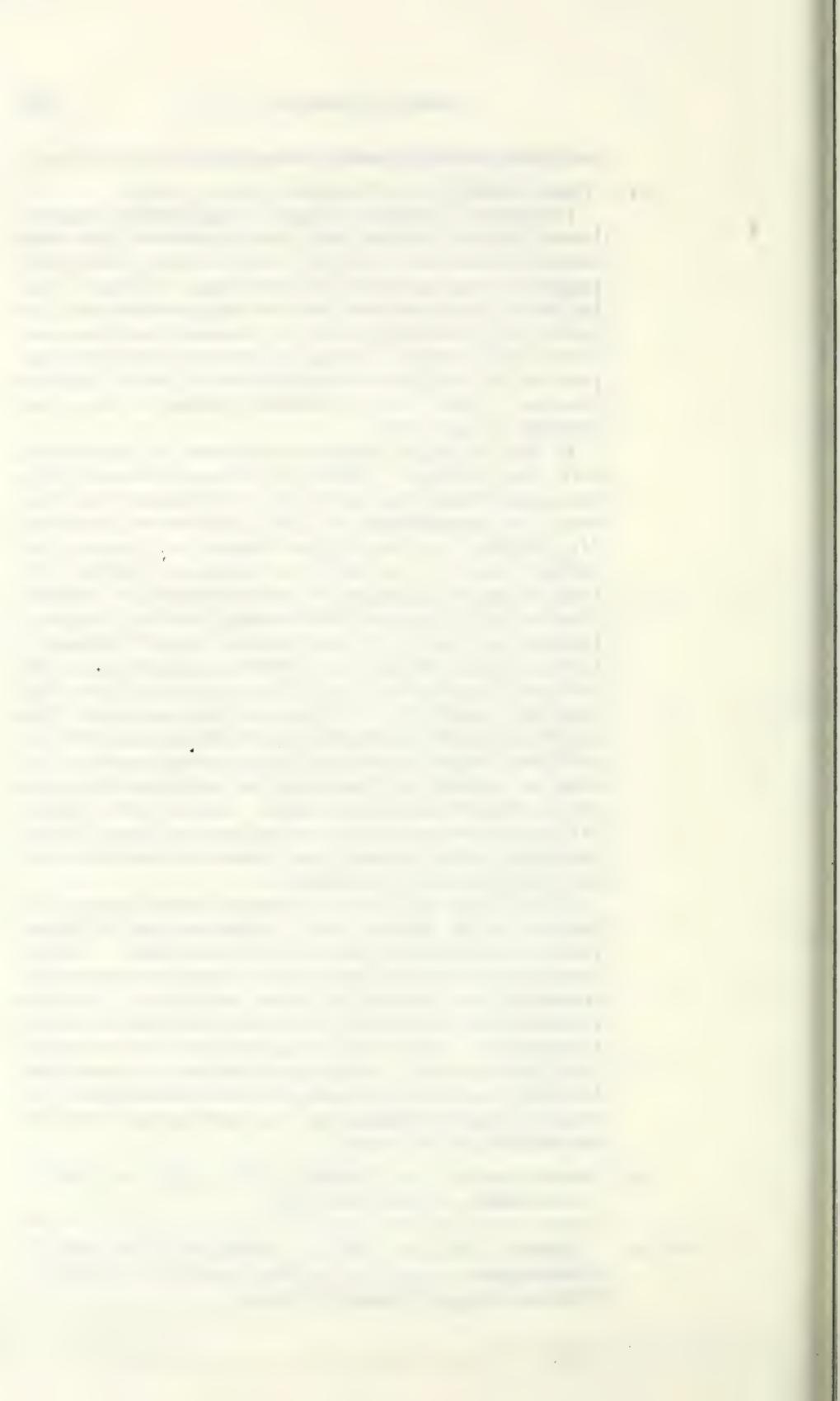
"Mr. Thayer has been a frequent contributor to the columns of the Boston *Daily Advertiser*, and in former years to those of the New York *Evening Post*. He has also been a writer in Bouries' *Law Dictionary*, and in the *American Law Review*, and other periodicals. He was entrusted with the editing of the twelfth edition of Kent's *Commentaries*, and had throughout the sole responsibility for that work. His happy selection of an associate, however, resulted in reducing his own labors mainly to those of simple revision, and the work appears without the addition of his name."

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*Susan Bradley*, b. in Haverhill, Oct. 7, 1833; m. John C. Alexander; r. New York City.

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JOHN N. THAYER. He has always resided in town; is a stone-mason; m., Oct. 15, 1844, Loretta H. Thayer, b. Nov. 10, 1823, of Mansfield, Mass.



- 33 *Clara*, b. May 2, 1849; m. Henry M. Shepard, Aug. 12, 1875; r. Boston.
- 34\* *Nellie*, b. June 27, 1853; m., Dec. 8, 1874, L. C. Taylor, dentist; r. Hartford, Conn.
- 35 *Abbie*, b. Dec. 19, 1857.
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BARTHOLOMEW THAYER, b. July 15, 1757, was son of Dea. Peter Thayer, son of Ephraim Thayer, and brother of Christopher Thayer, father of Dea. Christopher Thayer, of Peterborough. Dea. Peter Thayer d. in Peterborough, 1799, æ. 90 yrs. Bartholomew Thayer came to Peterborough about 1786, and lived on the John Little place while in town. He m. Elizabeth Blanchard, of Braintree, in 1789. Late in life he re. to Ohio, and both he and his w. d. there. He was tithing-man in 1788, '93, 1801, '2. Left town 1802.

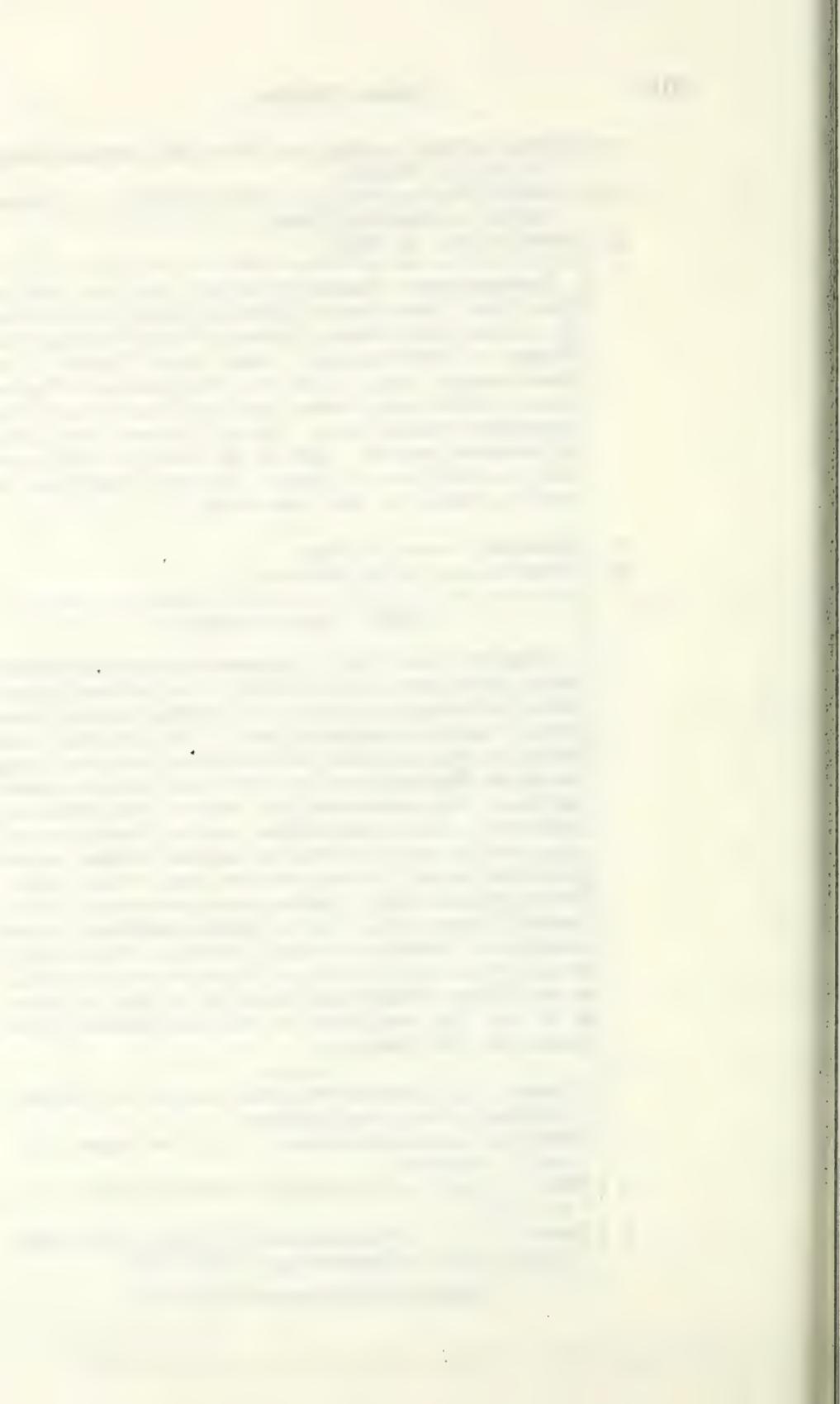
- 37 *Ephraim*, b. ——; r. Ohio.
- 38 *Fabez*, b. ——; d. in childhood.
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#### THE TODD FAMILY.

1 ANDREW TODD (Col.). His genealogy does not strictly belong to this town, but his family is so intimately connected with many of our early settlers that we have thought best to introduce it here. Col. Todd was b. in Ireland in 1697, and came to Londonderry in 1720, being among the first settlers of that town, and became a leading man. He represented the town in the Provincial Legislature, held a commission in the French war of 1744, and in 1755 he held the rank of colonel in the provincial levies. He was a marked man in those times, having gained a high reputation in these wars. He m. Beatrix Moore, dau. of John Moore, murdered at the massacre of Glencoe, in 1692. He re. to Peterborough toward the close of his life, 1776, to live with his dau., w. of William Miller, Sen., where he d., Sept. 15, 1777, æ. 80 yrs. He was buried in the Old Cemetery. *Vide* gravestone, Old Cemetery.

- 2 †*Samuel*, b. in Londonderry, June 3, 1726; m. Hannah Morison; 2d w., Ann Cochran.
- 3 *Rachel*, b. Londonderry, April 14, 1733; m. Moses Morrison; r. Hancock.
- 4 *John*, b. 1730; was drowned at Amoskeag Falls, 1754, æ. 24 yrs.
- 5 *James*, b. ——. He succeeded his father on the Aiken Range, and d. of hemorrhage of the lungs.\*

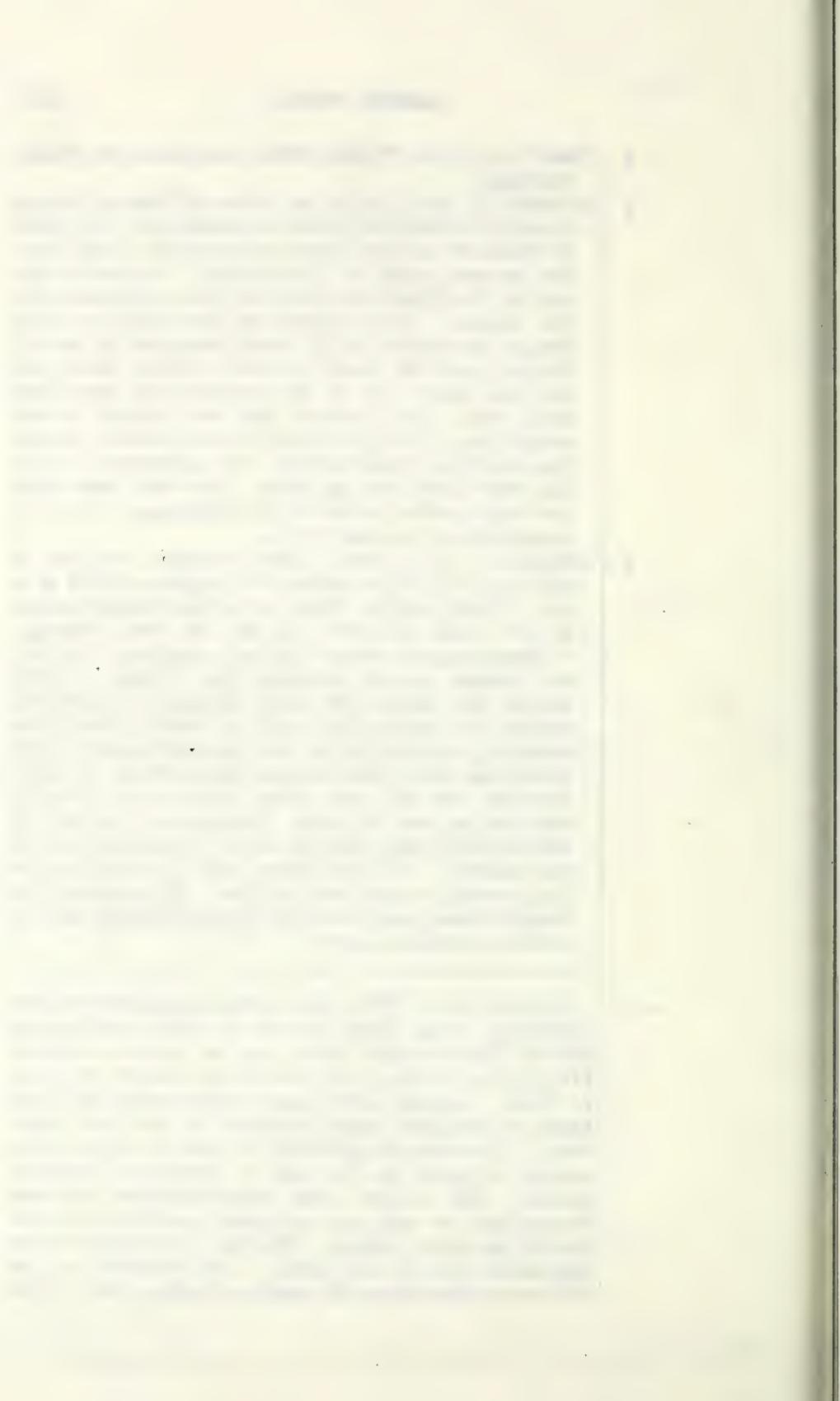
\* John Todd, Jr., thinks he d. at Worcester, Mass.



- 6 *Jane*, b. 1736 ; m. William Miller, and moved to Peterborough.
- 7 *Alexander*, b. Jan. 2, 1731 ; m. a dau. of Deacon George Duncan, Londonderry, and had several ch. He lived in Hooksett on what is now known as the Todd farm, but returned again to Londonderry. He was a captain in the French war, and was taken a prisoner by the Indians. They stripped off his clothes to burn him, as the custom was in those times, and in putting his shirt over his head he made a strong effort, and tore one sleeve out at the shoulder, and ran about forty rods. Two Indians who were behind a tree caught him by that sleeve which was fastened around his wrist by a crystal button. He unbuttoned it with his other hand and got away. He was three days and nights naked before he got into camp. He d. in Londonderry, æ. about 70 yrs.
- 8 *Andrew*, b. 1739 ; unm.— Many anecdotes are told of this man, who led a useless and vagabond kind of a life. Uncle Andrew Todd, as he was called, labored at two kinds of work: to use his own language, "Thrashing grain with a flail and scratching lint," or, in Yankee phrase, dressing flax. Uncle Andrew stayed over night with a Mr. Duncan in Hancock, and in the morning he went out where Duncan was chopping, with his jug of rum, and laid down to sleep a few rods from where Duncan was at work. A large hemlock tree fell over where Andrew was sleeping with his jug near his head. Duncan ran, and, pulling him out from under the tree, said, "Uncle Andrew, are you killed?" "I don't know, Sam; but hand us the jug; we will na part with dry lips." He survived this incident some years, and d. at Deacon Timothy Hunt's, April 15, 1808, æ. 69 yrs.

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SAMUEL TODD. We refer to the account given of the beginning of the Todd farm in the article on Deacon Samuel Moore,—they taking up the land in common first, till they divided, only a short time before the death of Todd. Samuel Todd began what is called the Todd place and endured many hardships in the first settlement. There was no grist-mill in town till 1751, and he carried his grain on his back to Townsend to have it ground. The Indians came to his camp one day when he was gone to mill, and stole what provisions he had, but did no other damage. He had buried most of his provisions back in the woods. The camp was on the hill, south side of the old road to Dublin, south of the



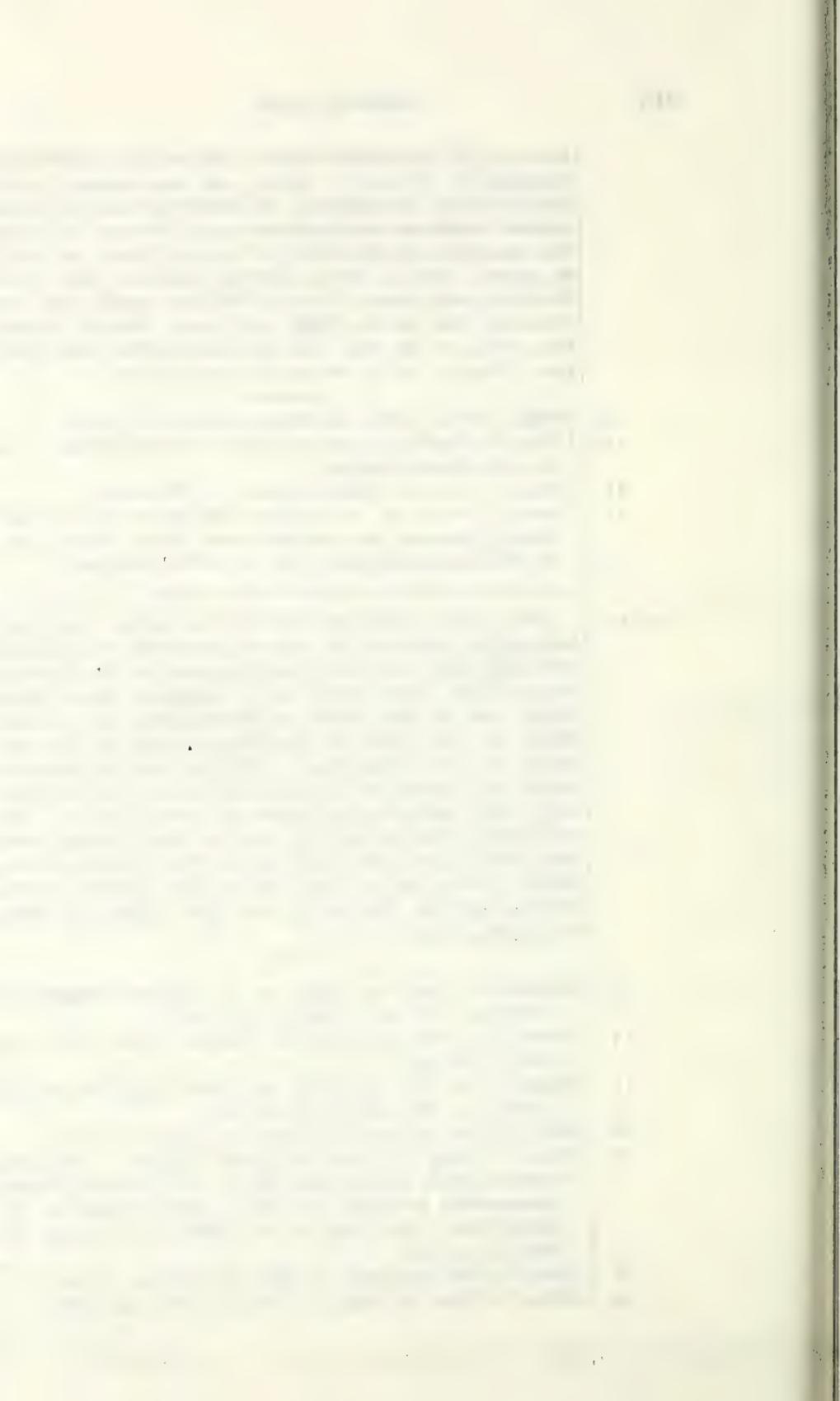
house built by Deacon Samuel Moore, and afterwards occupied by Jonah C. Spring, and now owned by the heirs of Reuel Richardson. He came to town for a permanent residence not far from 1750. He was killed on the same farm by the falling of a tree, March 30, 1765, æ. 39 yrs. He m., 1st w., Hannah Morison, dau. John Morison, and sister of w. of William Smith, Esq., by whom he had two ch., Betty and John. She d. November, 1760, æ. 30 yrs. He m., 2d w., 1762, Ann Cochran. She d.; 1st w., two ch.; 2d w., two ch.

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- 9      *Betty*, b. 1754; unm.; d. Aug. 24, 1826, æ. 72 yrs.  
 10     †*John*, b. April 9, 1757; m., 1st w., Rachel Duncan; 2d w., wid. Sarah Annan.  
 11     *Jane*, b. ——; m. John Morison; r. Hancock.  
 12     *James*, b. ——; m. —— Page, Goffstown; 2d w., wid. Sarah Duncan, her maiden name Sarah Miller, dau. of William Miller, Sen.; he d. in Francestown.

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2- 10    JOHN TODD. On the death of his father, 1765, then being eight years old, he went to Londonderry and lived with John Bell, until the commencement of the Revolutionary War. He enlisted as a volunteer under Gen. Stark, was in the battle of Bennington, and several others in the valley of the Hudson, also at the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne. After the war he returned home, and moved on to his father's farm in Peterborough, 1783, and remained there the rest of his life. He m. Rachel Duncan, in 1783, dau. of Dea. George Duncan; she d. April 26, 1815, æ. 56 yrs. He m., 2d w., Sarah Annan, Jan. 1, 1817, wid. of Rev. David Annan. She d. April 6, 1846, æ. 85 yrs. He d. Oct. 27, 1846, æ. 89 yrs., 5 mos.

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- 13     *Hannah*, b. Nov. 14, 1783; m. Dr. Robert Taggart, of Coleraine; d. Nov. 8, 1867, æ. 84 yrs.  
 14     *Samuel*, b. Oct. 24, 1785; d. Adrian, Mich., Feb. 19, 1867, æ. 82 yrs.  
 15     *James B.*, b. Nov. 25, 1787; m. Sarah Appleton, 1816; d. May 29, 1863, æ. 75 yrs., 6 mos.  
 16     *Mary*, b. Oct. 29, 1789; d. Sept. 14, 1790, æ. 1 yr.  
 17     *Daniel*, b. Aug. 14, 1791; m. Mary Taggart. One son, Samuel John, b. in Preble, N. Y. He is now a lawyer in extensive practice, and with a good reputation, in Beloit, Wis. Mr. Todd d. in Preble, N. Y., Aug. 18, 1826, æ. 35 yrs.  
 18     *John*, b. Nov. 17, 1793; d. Oct. 25, 1800, æ. 7 yrs.  
 19     *Esther*, b. Nov. 11, 1795; d. Oct. 16, 1800, æ. 5 yrs.



- 20 | *Mary*, b. May 12, 1798; d. Oct. 6, 1800; æ. 2 yrs.  
 21 | †*John, Jr.*, b. June 12, 1800; m., Dec. 4, 1828, Mary Taggart, wid. of Daniel Todd.
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10-21 JOHN TODD, Jr. He went out to New York for a few years, after attaining his majority, but returned to Peterborough in 1829, to take care of his parents after the removal of his brother James to the West. Soon after the death of his father, 1846 or '47, he removed to Wiscoy, N. Y., where he now resides. He held various offices of trust in town; selectman three years, 1839, '40, '41, and Representative for 1838, '39. His w. d. Jan 14, 1869, æ. 76 yrs. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

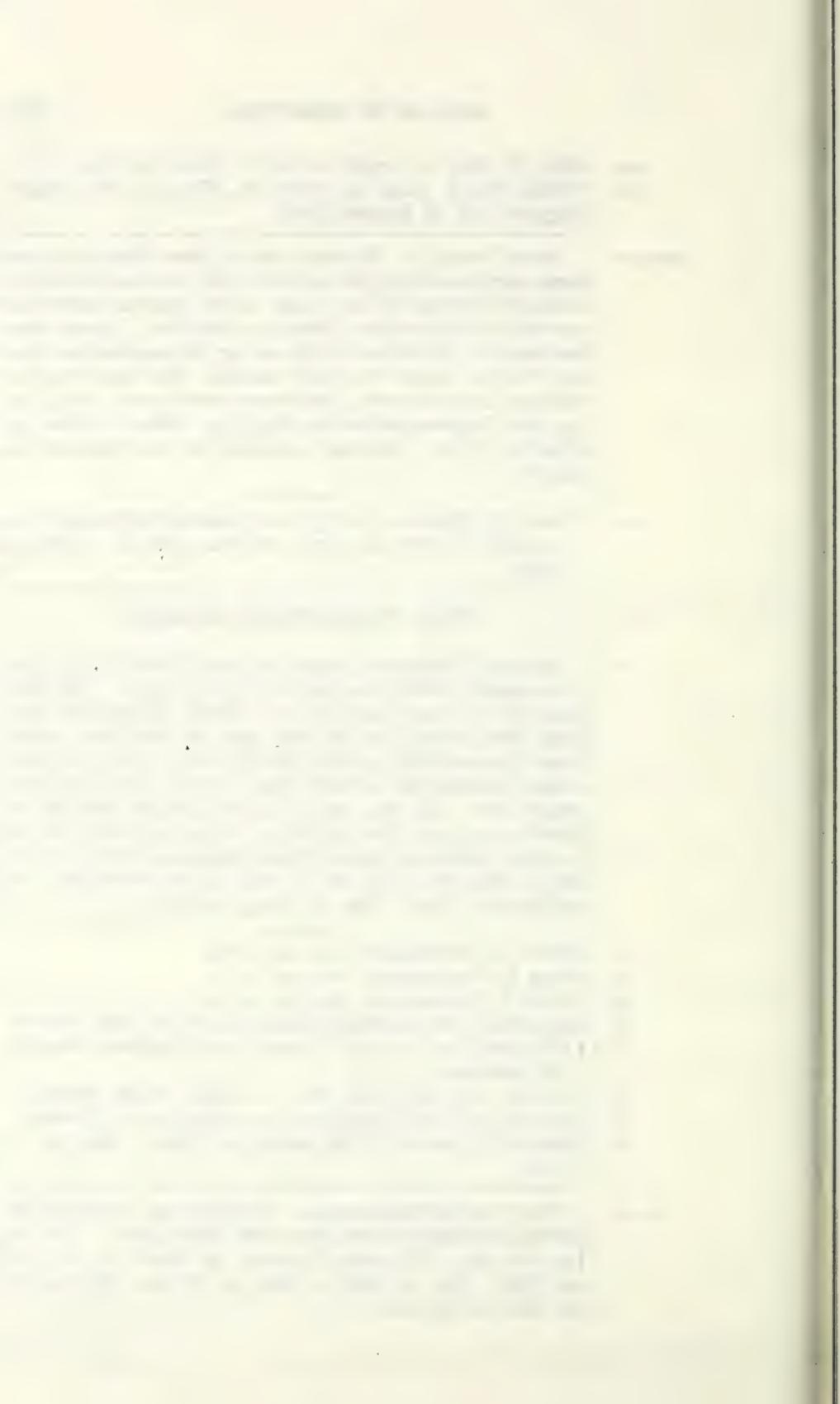
- 22 *Frances*, b. March 19, 1833; m. Chancey S. Brown, Wiscoy, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1856; one ch., John C., b. Sept. 1, 1857.
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#### THE TREADWELL FAMILY.

1 SAMUEL TREADWELL came to town about 1777, from Portsmouth, where he was b. Oct. 4, 1741. He first lived for a few years where David Blanchard now lives, then moved to the east part of the town where Capt. Samuel McCoy lived the few last years of his life, a farm between the Robert Swan and the McCoy farms, and d. here. He m., April 10, 1764, Mary Stoodley, b. March 31, 1741. She d. Oct. 4, 1771, æ. 26 yrs.; m. 2d w., Mary McKean, wid. of James McKean, May 1, 1777. She d. Aug. 27, 1833, æ. 87 yrs.; 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., five ch. He d. Dec. 13, 1819, æ. 78 yrs.

- 2 *Daniel*, b. Portsmouth, Jan. 28, 1766.  
 3 *Mary*, b. Portsmouth, Feb. 20, 1768.  
 4 *Sarah*, b. Portsmouth, Nov. 20, 1770.  
 5 *Elizabeth*, b. Peterborough, Feb. 15, 1778; m. Abel Weston.  
 6 †*William Earl*, b. Feb. 6, 1780; m. Elizabeth Secomb, of Amherst.  
 7 *Anna*, b. Feb. 24, 1782; m. —— Buss; re. to Maine.  
 8 *Susanna*, b. May 3, 1784; m. —— Mansur; r. Temple.  
 9 *Frances*, b. June 18, 1786; unm.; d. Feb. 7, 1849, æ. 63 yrs.
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- 1-6 WILLIAM E. TREADWELL. He lived on a part of the James Templeton farm, near the Edes place. He m., Jan. 21, 1810, Elizabeth Secomb, b. April 24, 1785. She d. April 1, 1863, æ. 78 yrs. He d. July 11, 1847, æ. 67 yrs.



- 10 | *John S.*, b. Nov. 20, 1818; m. Lucy Kendall, of Temple, 1848; c. .  
 11 | *William S.*, b. Sept. 30, 1821; m. H. Jane Clark, of Lyndeboro, May 1, 1849; c.
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## THE TURNER FAMILY.

1 THOMAS TURNER, the son of Joseph and Rachel Turner, was b. in Ireland in 1725. He was accompanied by his parents when he emigrated to America, and also by two brothers, Joseph, who lived on the Sanders place, and William, on the Jewett place, both in Jaffrey. Their father and mother both d. in Peterborough. Joseph Turner, Sen., d. June 10, 1783, æ. 77 yrs. Rachel, his w., d. Dec. 23, 1787, æ. 87 yrs. Thomas Turner began the settlement on his farm. It is not certain when he came to town; it was early. He was here Sept. 26, 1753, according to the Proprietors' records, in which the Proprietors grant him fifty acres, or Lot No. 92, adjoining his Lot No. 29, in consideration of his relinquishing to them Lot No. 7 of fifty acres. He m. Jenny McCoy, wid. of Charles McCoy, and dau. of Samuel and Margaret Miller. She d. June 19, 1812, æ. 77 yrs. He d. April 14, 1802, æ. 77 yrs.

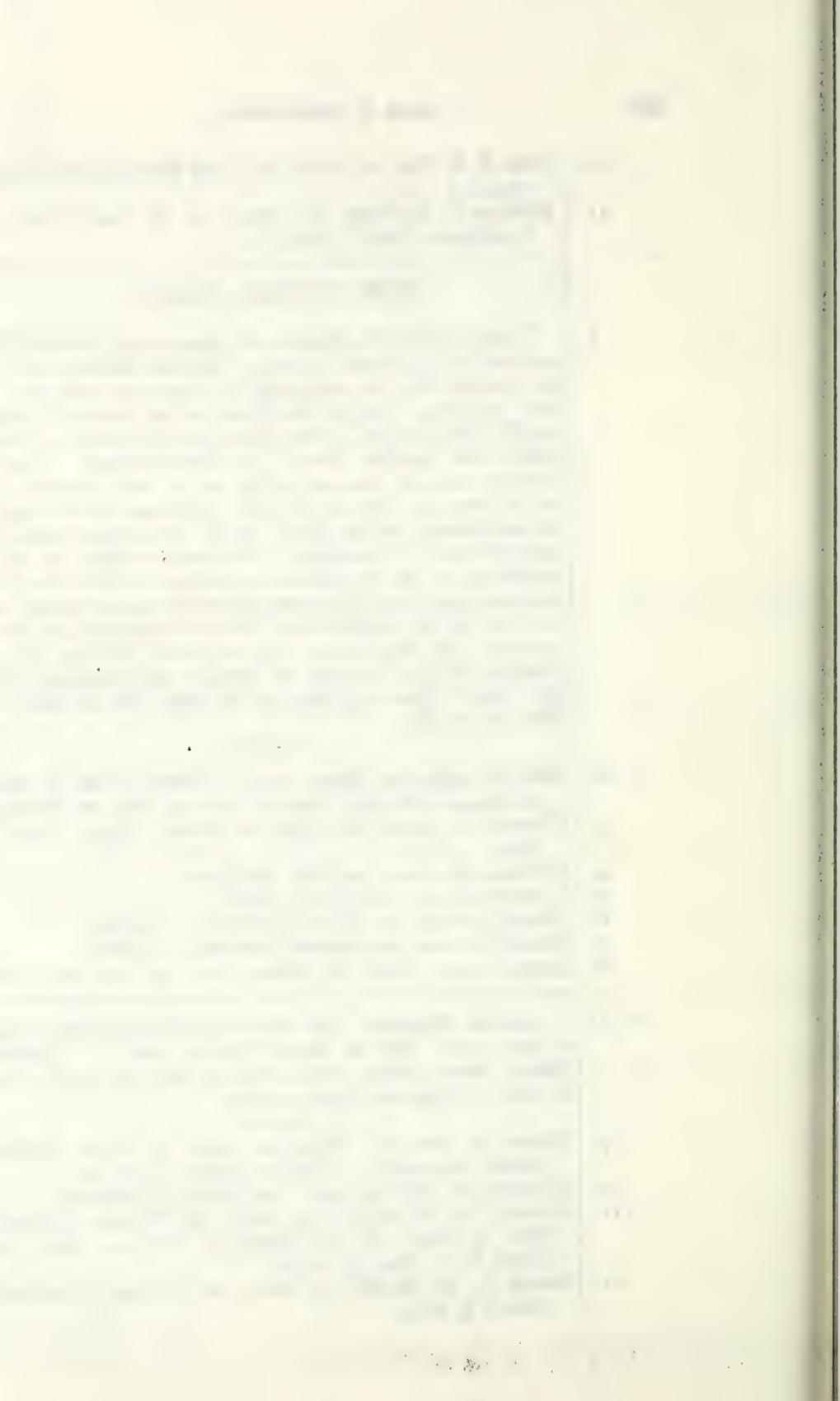
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- 2 *John*, b. 1763; m. Mary — ; r. Jaffrey. He d. May 22, 1844, æ. 81 yrs.; she d. Nov. 29, 1836, æ. 67 yrs.  
 3 †*Samuel*, b. June 16, 1764; m. Betsey Stuart, Dec. 7, 1802.  
 4 †*Thomas*, b. — : m. Polly McClary.  
 5 †*Joseph*, b. — ; m. Polly Watts.  
 6 *Jenny*, b. — ; m. Elijah Welman ; r. Jaffrey.  
 7 *Rachel*, b. — ; m. Samuel Sanders ; r. Jaffrey.  
 8 *Peggy*, b. 1775; unm.; d. Jaffrey, Dec. 29, 1867, æ. 92 yrs.
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1- 3 SAMUEL TURNER. He settled in the north-west part of the town. He m. Betsey Stuart, dau. of Charles Stuart, Dec. 7, 1802; she d. May 4, 1845, æ. 74 yrs.; he d. Feb. 1, 1839, æ. 76 yrs., 7 mos.

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- 9 *Esther*, b. Oct. 18, 1803; m., Sept. 3, 1850, Joshua Shedd, Pepperell; d. Oct. 12, 1853, æ. 50 yrs.  
 10 *Elizabeth*, b. July 24, 1807; m. Samuel Converse.  
 11 *Harriet*, b. December 19, 1809; m. Warren Nichols, Nov. 4, 1846; ch., (1) Samuel, b. Nov. 4, 1847; (2) Clark R., b. Nov. 4, 1850.  
 12 *Sarah S.*, b. March 15, 1812; m. Rodney Goodhue, March 3, 1853.



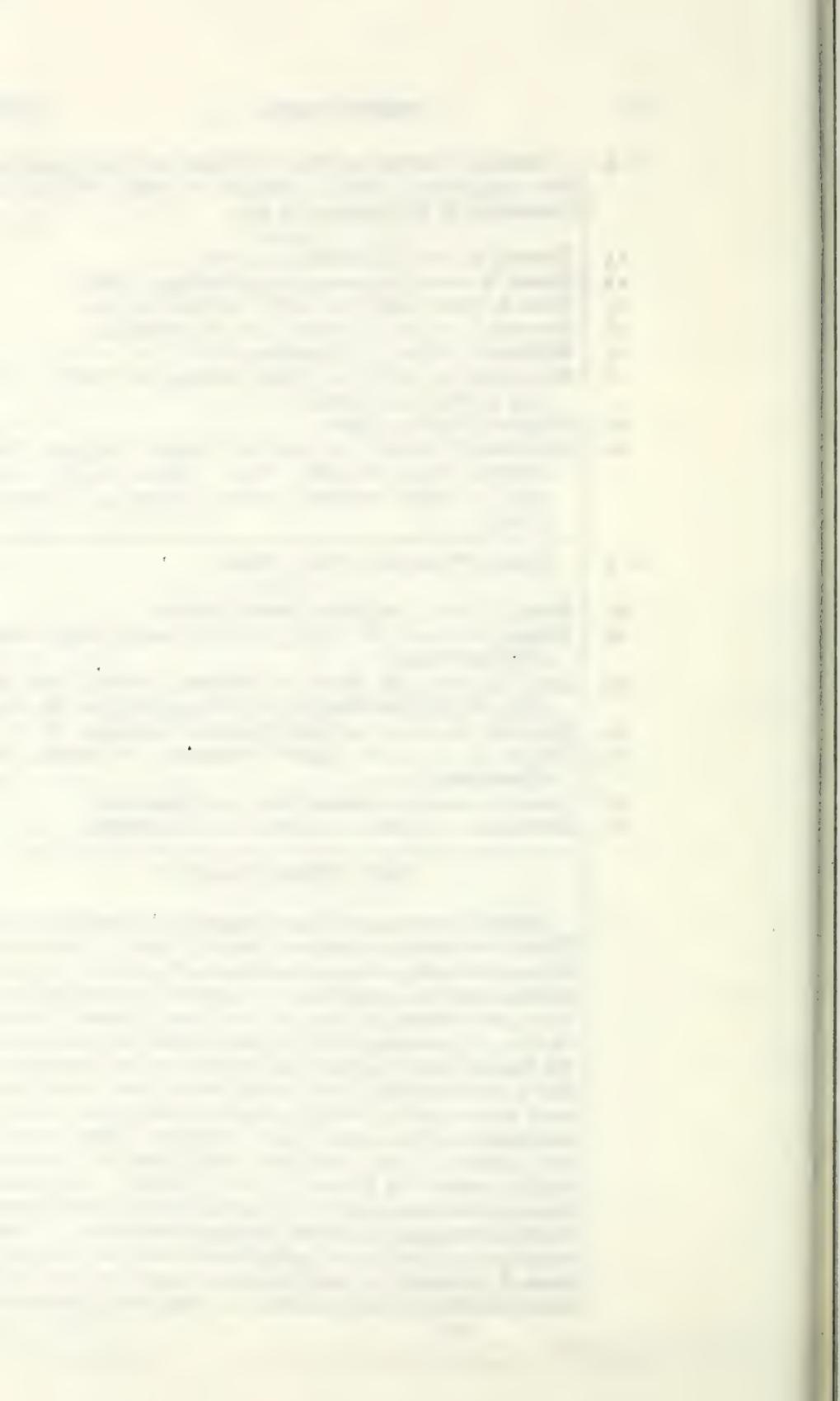
- I- 4      THOMAS TURNER m. Mary McClary, of New Ipswich, Nov. 25, 1802. He d. 1846, æ. 75 yrs.; she d. in Clarendon, N.Y., 1863, æ. 82 yrs.  
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 13      *Thomas*, b. — ; d. 1826, æ. 21 yrs.  
 14      *Daniel*, b. — ; m. — ; d. in Michigan, 1863.  
 15      *John*, b. 1806; unm; d. July 3, 1874, æ. 68 yrs.  
 16      *Bernard*, b. — ; d. about 1840; an imbecile.  
 17      *William*, b. 1810; r. Clarendon, N. Y.  
 18      *Mary Ann*, b. 1815; m. Abel Nutting, of Jaffrey; d. Aug. 8, 1847, æ. 32 yrs.  
 19      *Margaret*, b. 1819; unm.  
 20      *Catharine*, b. March 30, 1821; m. Samuel Taggart, December, 1845; one son, Frank Eugene, b. Dec. 14, 1851; m. Alice Lovejoy; one ch., Katie M., b. March 3, 1875.

- I- 5      JOSEPH TURNER m. Polly Watts.

- 21      *Betsey*, b. — ; m. Peter Davis, Dublin.  
 22      *Thomas*, b. — ; m., July 3, 1828, Clarissa Nay, dau. of Robert Nay.  
 23      *Luke*, b. — ; m. Sarah A. Warren, Dublin, Oct. 8, 1835; d. at Clarendon, N. Y., Oct. 21, 1875, æ. 67 yrs.  
 24      *Margaret*, b. — ; m. John Preston, Clarendon, N. Y.  
 25      *Joseph*, b. — ; m. Lydia Townsend, of Dublin; r. Clarendon.  
 26      *Fane*, b. — ; m. Samuel Nay; r. Clarendon.  
 27      *Louisa*, b. — ; m. — Dewey; r. Clarendon.

### THE TUBBS FAMILY.

I      JOSEPH TUBBS, son of Capt. Joseph and Rhoda Henry Tubbs, was born in Marlow, Jan. 23, 1789. He served an apprenticeship at paper-making in Paper Mill Village, Alstead, and on completing it came to Peterborough in 1811, and worked in the mill of Hon. Samuel Smith. In 1814, in company with Thomas Baker, he purchased the Eagle Factory, which was located on the spot where Felt's machine-shop now stands, where they manufactured cotton yarns, battings, candle wicking, etc. They continued business some years, when Mr. Baker retired, and Joseph Tubbs associated with him his brother Abisha, under the firm of J. & A. Tubbs. They continued in business until the invention of the power-loom, which necessitated an entire change of machinery. The machinery of the factory being much worn, they did not deem it advisable to add looms, but sold the mill and site to Moore & Colby, March 30, 1833, who converted



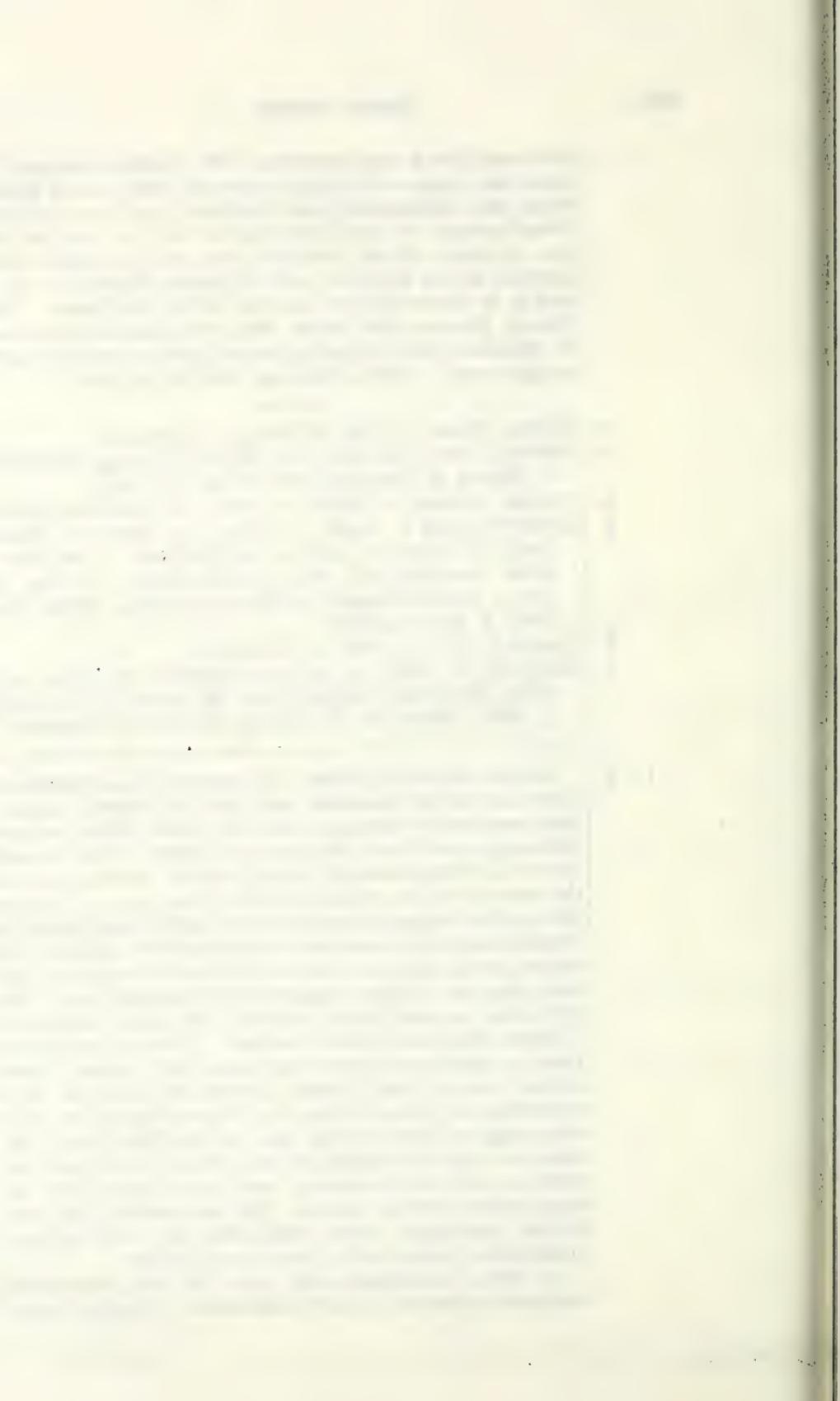
the same into a machine-shop. Mr. Tubbs remained in town two years—till 1839,—when he removed to Hancock, and subsequently to Marlboro, and returned to Peterborough in 1857, where he d., May 22, 1859, æ. 70 yrs., 3 mos. He m. Azubah, dau. of Dr. Joseph and Azubah Henry Monroe, b. in Hillsboro, March 7, 1795, and d. in Hancock, Jan. 16, 1871, æ. 75 yrs., 8 mos. Dr. Joseph Monroe, her father, was “the second physician of Hillsboro, was a good physician, and an amiable and upright man.” He d. Feb. 24, 1798, æ. 41 yrs.

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- 2     *Thomas Baker*, b. Feb. 24, 1815 ; r. Hancock.
  - 3     *Maria*, b. Sept. 22, 1817 ; m., March 15, 1849, Ambrose C. Blood, of Hancock, who d. Nov. 26, 1873.
  - 4     †*Elijah Monroe*, b. March 21, 1823 ; m. Sarah Merriam.
  - 5     *Sarah Wallace*, b. April 12, 1826 ; m., June 26, 1851, Benj. F. Merriam ; now r. in Marlboro. They have three surviving ch., *viz.* : Frank Irving, b. Aug. 3, 1852 ; Joseph Sumner, b. March 17, 1854 ; Henry Zadock, b. July 14, 1865.
  - 6     *Louisa*, b. July 25, 1828 ; r. Hancock.
  - 7     *Henry L.*, b. Feb. 24, 1831 ; a dentist ; m., Dec. 25, 1865, Mary Ann Rogers ; two ch., Annie L., b. Aug. 3, 1868 ; Gertie M., b. Oct. 27, 1874 ; r. in Newport.
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**ELIJAH MONROE TUBBS.** He received his academical education at the Hancock and Phillips (Exeter) Academies, and studied dentistry with Dr. Luke Miller, at Peterborough, and Dr. S. Hanson, of Boston. He located himself at Peterborough in 1845, where he remained in the practice of his profession twenty-one years. During this period he established the first regular drug-store in Peterborough in company with Franklin Kendall, to whom he soon disposed of his interest in the same. He was also for a time engaged in daguerrotyping. He published a small work entitled *The New Hampshire Kitchen, Fruit, and Floral Gardner*. He was for several years a member of the Superintending School Committee, also of the Library Committee, and one of a committee to give a full report of the doings of the Peterborough soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. He made an elaborate report on this subject, which was entered on the town records, and has furnished all the data needed for this history. He represented the town in the Legislature in the years 1864, '65. He was also appointed a justice of the peace and quorum.

In 1864, in company with J. G. Fish, he commenced the manufacture of a hair preparation, “Ring's Vegeta-



ble Ambrosia." Mr. Fish sold out his interest to Hon. P. C. Cheney, of Peterborough, now of Manchester. They have had associated with them for a time P. Ring, of Wilton, and Ira Cross, of Manchester, both of whom have retired from the firm. Of this preparation they have sold nearly seven hundred thousand dollars' worth. He is also a member of the firm of P. C. Cheney & Co., and is associated with others in the ownership of large paper-mills in Hanniker, Goffstown, and Manchester. He removed to Manchester in 1868. He m., in 1848, Sarah, dau. of Zadock and Sally Snow Merriam, who was b. at Goshen, Aug. 7, 1828.

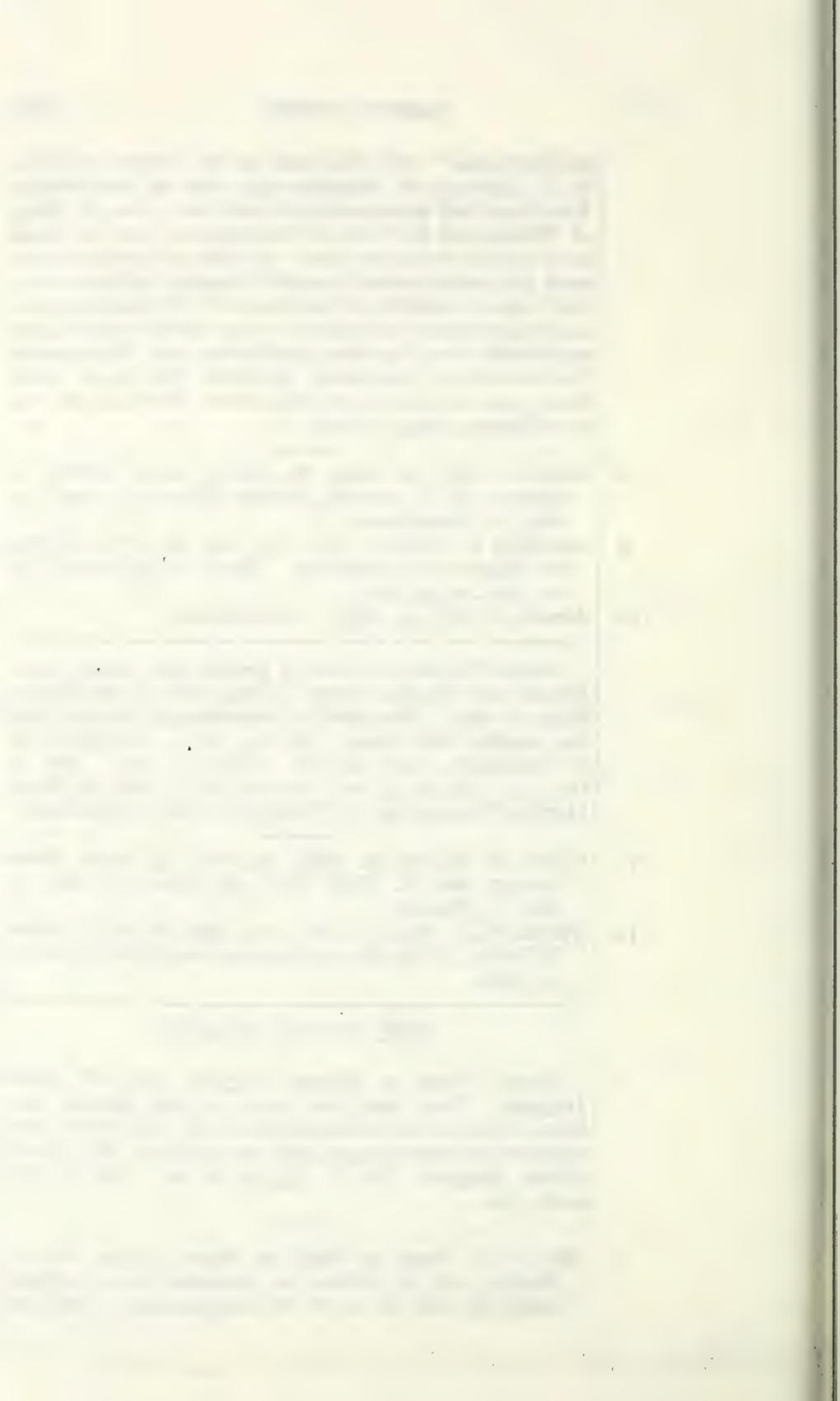
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- 8 *Sarah*, b. Feb. 17, 1849 ; m., Jan. 5, 1872, George E. Hersey, M. D.; one ch., Everett Monroe, b. April 11, 1875 ; r. Manchester.
  - 9 *Annabelle*, b. June 17, 1851 ; m., Feb. 25, 1874, Charles H. Thayer, of Manchester. She d. at Rye Beach, July 20, 1874, æ. 23 yrs.
  - 10 *Monroe*, b. July 13, 1853 ; r. Manchester.
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ABISHA TUBBS, a brother of Joseph, and son of Capt. Joseph and Rhoda Henry Tubbs, was b. in Marlow, May 21, 1791. He came to Peterborough in 1815, and has resided here since. He m., 1st w., Belinda Fisk, of Dunstable, now Nashua, February, 1823. She d. Oct. 23, 1846, æ. 44 yrs. He m., 2d w., Sept. 22, 1859, Matilda Weston, wid. of Timothy Weston, of Hancock.

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- 11 *Cemira*, b. March 30, 1824 ; m., Nov. 24, 1852, Amos Sawyer, who d. May, 1863 ; ch., Alice, b. Dec. 2, 1861 ; r. Marlow.
  - 12 *Justina M.*, b. April 22, 1827 ; m., Sept. 28, 1847, James B. Tubbs ; of six ch. only one survives, Flora J., b. Oct. 31, 1862.
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#### THE TWISS FAMILY.

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- 1 PETER TWISS m. Harriet Haggett, dau. of Abner Haggett. They lived two years in New Boston, then re. to Vermont and remained there till 1833, when they returned to Peterborough, and occupied the old farm of Abner Haggett. He d. 1853, æ. 58 yrs. She d. 1861, æ. 61 yrs.
  - 2 *Mary F.*, b. Sept. 9, 1828 ; m., Sept. 4, 1849, Samuel Hadley ; ch., (1) Milton ; m. Amanda Corey ; r. Fitchburg ; (2) Ada S. ; m. W. W. Richardson ; r. Sullivan



- (3) Luella E.; m. Frank O. Emerson; r. Fisherville;  
 (4) Delila M.; (5) Hattie Maria.  
 3 *Samuel Bartlett*, b. Nov. 4, 1829; r. West.  
 4 *Abner H.*, b. 1832.  
 5 *Hattie S.*, b. 1834; m., 1st hus., George Stearns; 2d  
     hus., George Richardson; ch., (1) Herman G.; (2)  
     Frank Twiss; r. Lowell.  
 6 *Martha S.*, b. 1839; m. William Brodry; r. Lowell; c.
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## THE UPTON FAMILY.

The Uptons\* of Peterborough and Sharon were descendants of John Upton, who is the ancestor of all in this country who bear the name of Upton.

- 1 JOHN UPTON, fourth generation, came to Sharon from Middleton, Mass., about 1790. He m. Mary Southwick, 1756. When he re. to Sharon he was accompanied by four sons, John, Joseph, Jacob, and David, all of whom purchased farms. He d. in 1805.
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- 2 *John*, 1758; m. Dorcas Upton; 2d w., Atta F. Upton, wid. of Thomas Upton, of Peterborough; ch., (1) Betsey, b. Aug. 31, 1786; m. Eli Upton; d.; (2) Lucy, b. Aug. 31, 1791; m. Eli Upton,—his fifth w.; d.
- 3 *Joseph*, b. 1763; m. Betsey McCoy; ch., (1) Joseph, b. Nov. 11, 1805; m. Hannah Evans; 2d w., Lucy Ann Evans; (2) Jesse, b. Jan. 22, 1808; unm.; now living in South Village; (3) Emily, b. June 2, 1813; unm.; now living in South Village.
- 4 *Jacob*, b. 1766; re. to Stoddard in 1804.
- 5 †*David*, b. May 19, 1775; m. Polly Nay, dau. Dea. Wm. Nay, 2d. He passed most of his life in Sharon; sold his farm, and came late in life to Peterborough, and d. there, Oct. 9, 1860, æ. 85 yrs., 4 mos.; she d.
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- 1-5 DAVID UPTON, m. Polly Nay; d. in Peterborough, Oct 9, 1860, æ. 85 yrs.
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- 6 *David*, b. Oct. 30, 1798; m. Mary Scripture.
- 7 *Mary*, b. Aug. 1, 1800; m. Eli Upton; d. May 14, 1875, æ. 75 yrs.
- 8 *Martha*, b. May 31, 1803; unm.; d. March 19, 1822, æ. 18 yrs., 9 mos.
- 9 †*John*, b. May 20, 1805; m. Elizabeth Baker.
- 10 *Jeremiah*, b. Jan. 8, 1807; m. Eliza Vosburg; r. Denver, Colorado.
- 11 *Jane*, b. June 26, 1809; unm.; d. June 8, 1858, æ. 48 yrs., 11 mos.

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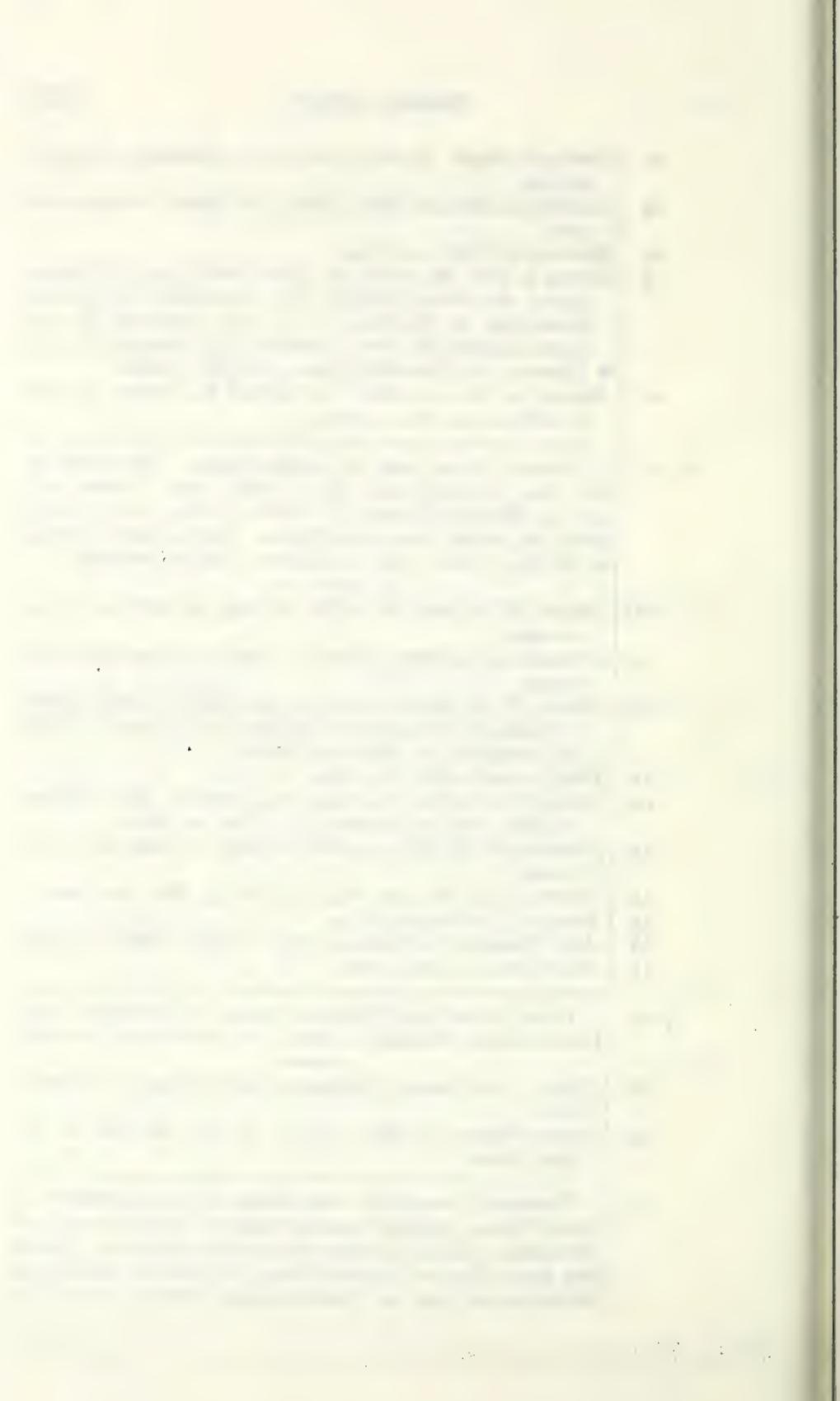
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- 12 *Louisa*, b. Sept. 13, 1811; unm.; d. January, 1831, æ. 20 yrs.  
 13 *Lucinda*, b. May 14, 1813; unm.; d. March, 1829, æ. 16 yrs.  
 14 *Melinda*, b. Sept. 14, 1814.  
 15 *Sarah*, b. Feb. 26, 1817; m. John Smith; ch., (1) Sarah Jane; m. Alvin Bailey; (2) Jeremiah; m. Jennie Crampton, of Greece, N. Y.; (3) Emerson R.; m. Anna Keyes, of New Ipswich; (4) George C.; (5) Elmore; (6) Elizabeth Edna; (7) Ella Idella.  
 16 *Harriet*, b. Nov. 18, 1818; m. Samuel K. Upton; d. July 6, 1860, æ. 41 yrs., 7 mos.
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- 3- 17 JOSEPH UPTON, son of Joseph Upton. He lived on the Dea. William Nay place, south part of town; m., 1st w., Hannah Evans; d. April 1, 1853, æ. 42 yrs., 7 mos.; m., 2d w., Lucy Ann Evans. He d. Sept. 1, 1872, æ. 66 yrs., 9 mos.; 1st w., eight ch.; 2d w., two ch.  
 18 *Joseph H.*, b. Sept. 18, 1836; d. Aug. 11, 1838, æ. 1 yr., 10 mos.  
 19 *Hannah E.*, b. June 3, 1838; d. Jan. 14, 1844, æ. 5 yrs., 7 mos.  
 20 *Almira F.*, b. March 20, 1840; m., July 5, 1866, Alfred J. Morse, of Mason; ch., (1) Ida M., b. June 8, 1868; (2) Joseph A., b. Sept. 22, 1870.  
 21 *Emily Ann*, b. Feb. 22, 1842.  
 22 *Clarissa L.*, b. Jan. 12, 1844; m., Dec. 26, 1867, Lyman A. Hall; ch., (1) Arthur L., b. Oct. 26, 1871.  
 23 *Elizabeth E.*, b. Feb. 2, 1846; d. Sept. 2, 1847, æ. 1 yr., 7 mos.  
 24 *Susan M.*, b. Dec. 29, 1847; d. Oct. 4, 1848, æ. 9 mos.  
 25 *Sarah F.*, b. Oct. 18, 1849.  
 26 *Abby Fennette*, } b. Nov. 9, 1857. He d. April 4, 1858,  
 27 *Albert Fesse*, } æ. 4 mos.
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- 5- 9 JOHN UPTON m. Elizabeth Baker, of Nashua. Now lives at South Village, in town; is a machinist by trade.  
 28 *Eldro*, b. in Denver, Colorado, Aug. 8, 1849; r. Arvada, Col.  
 29 *Emma Frances*, b. Feb. 9, 1851; d. Oct. 16, 1867, æ. 16 yrs., 8 mos.
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1 THOMAS UPTON, like the above, is a descendant of John Upton, though remotely related to this branch of the family. He lived many years in Marblehead. About the year 1801 or '2, after living in Andover awhile, he settled on a farm in Peterborough, formerly owned by

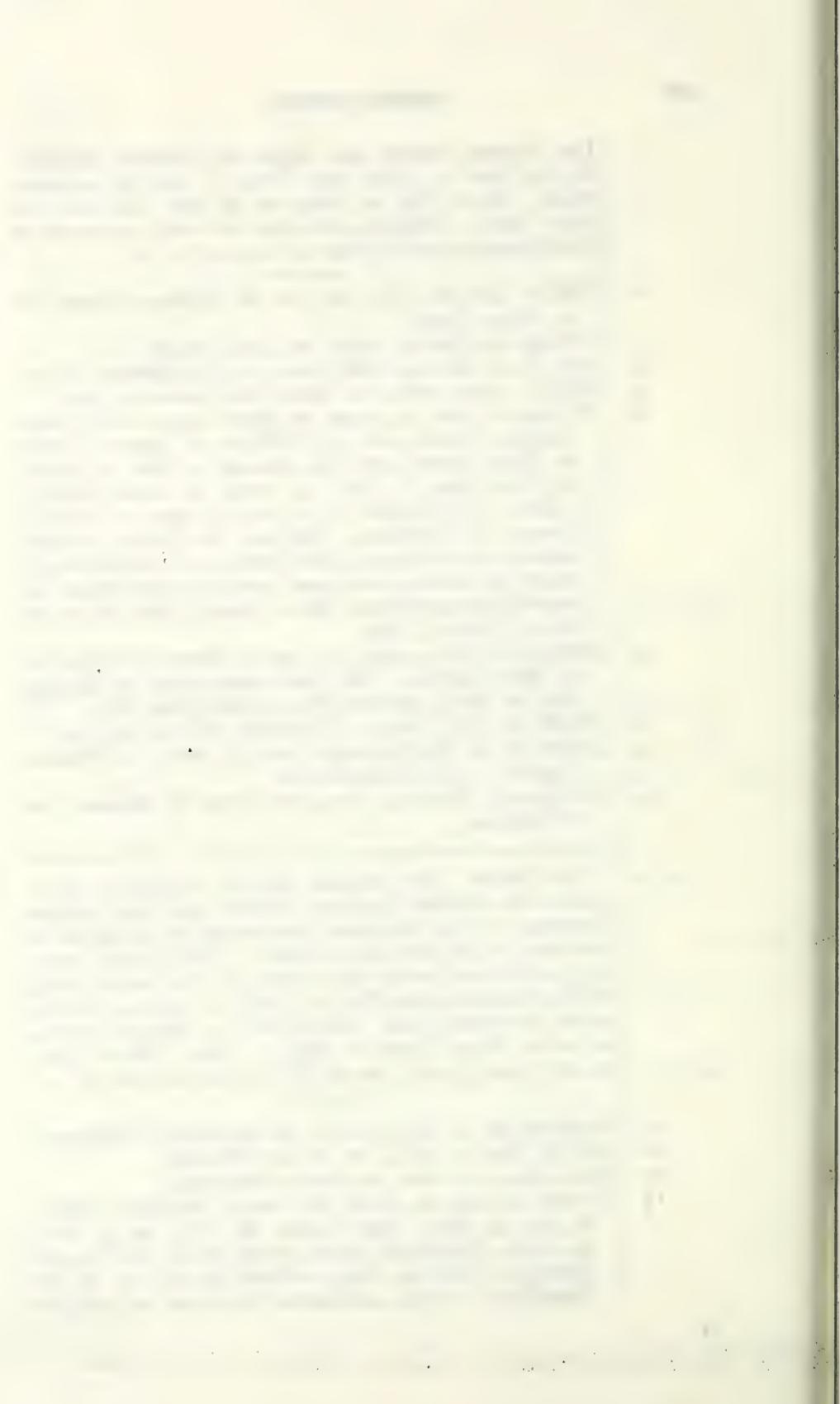


Dea. Robert Smith, and begun by Halbert Morison. He m., June 20, 1782, Atta Frost, b. 1761, in Andover, Mass. He d. Oct. 24, 1809, æ. 47 yrs. His wid. m. John Upton, of Sharon, and after his death returned to Peterborough, and d. June 9, 1843, æ. 82 yrs.

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- 2    †*Eli*, b. Jan. 16, 1785; m., 1st w., Rebecca Watts; 2d w., Mary Upton.  
 3    †*Thomas*, b. Jan. 13, 1787; m. Lydia Snow.  
 4    *Atta D.*, b. Jan. 25, 1789; unm.; d. Marblehead, Mass.  
 5    *Polly*, b. 1790; unm.; d. March 26, 1806, æ. 15 yrs.  
 6    *William*, b. Dec. 31, 1792; m. Mary Taggart, dau. James Taggart, Sharon; ch., (1) William, b. June 7, 1820; m. Sally Upton; one ch., James, b. Nov. 20, 1858; (2) Mary Ann, b. Oct. 24, 1829; m. Luke Nutting, Jaffrey; (3) Priscilla R., b. Nov. 23, 1837; m. Charles Corser; r. Fitchburg. He lived in Jaffrey, midway between the village of East Jaffrey and Peterborough, where he owned a farm and saw-mill, near where his son William now lives. He d. June 2, 1862, æ. 70 yrs. She d. June 17, 1867.  
 7    *Nathan*, b. Oct. 1, 1796; m., 1st w., Mercy Colburn; 2d w., Mary Hayden. He lived some years in Rindge, then re. West, and now lives at Effingham, Ill.  
 8    *Joseph*, b. 1798; unm.; d. October, 1827, æ. 29 yrs.  
 9    *Joshua*, b. in Peterborough, Jan. 3, 1801; m. Priscilla Taggart; re. to Pennsylvania.  
 10   *Benjamin*, b. March 3, 1803; m. Susan F. Dawson; re. to Virginia.
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I - 2    **ELI UPTON.** He inherited half of his father's farm, which was divided between himself and his brother Thomas. It was the same purchased by his father of the heirs of Deacon Robert Smith. He followed teaming goods from Boston many years till his health failed. He d. of consumption, May 29, 1829, æ. 44 yrs. He m., 1st w., Rebecca Watts. She d. Dec. 11, 1824, æ. 35 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mary Upton, b. Aug. 1, 1800. She d. May 14, 1875, æ. 75 yrs.; 1st w., five ch.; 2d w., one ch.

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- 11   *Nathaniel W.*, b. July 3, 1812; m. Sarah Ann Hathaway.  
 12   *Atta*, b. June 30, 1814; m. William Hunter.  
 13   *Eli*, b. Aug. 14, 1816; m. Phebe Bangham.  
 14   *Thomas*, b. Aug. 31, 1818; m., 1st w., Marietta Cutter, b. Jan. 25, 1820. She d. Feb. 16, 1857, æ. 37 yrs.; m., 2d w., Lucinda S. Allen; ch. by 1st w.; (1) Lucius Edwin, b. May 19, 1843; enlisted in the war of the Rebellion in 1862, and served his time out and re-



- turned in safety. In April, 1864, he enlisted again for three years, and d. after a severe sickness of several weeks at Washington, Aug. 7, 1864, æ. 21 yrs.;  
 (2) Adelia Parker, b. Jan. 14, 1851.  
 15 *Joshua*, b. July 10, 1820; m. Sarah M. Bangham.  
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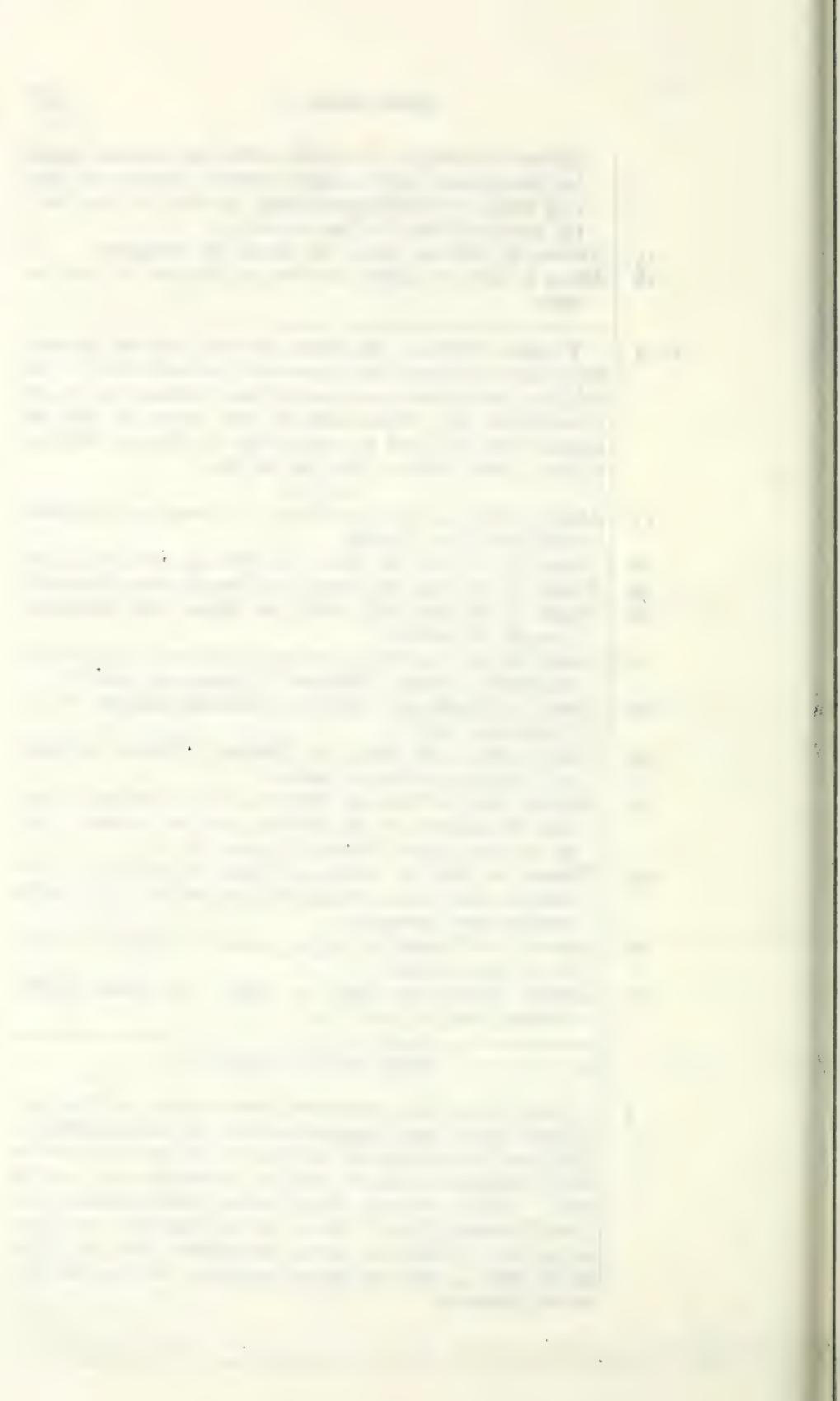
1- 3 THOMAS UPTON. He lived on half of his father's farm, having divided the same with his brother Eli. He sold his farm a few years before his decease, and re. to Chesterville, Me., where both he and his w. d. He m. Lydia Snow, b. April 21, 1792; she d. Oct. 20, 1868, æ. 76 yrs.; he d. May 1, 1871, æ. 84 yrs.

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- 17 *Mary*, b. Feb. 4, 1811; m. Benj. S. French, of Chesterville, Me., Jan. 1, 1838.  
 18 *Joseph S.*, b. Nov. 18, 1812; d. Sept. 23, 1815, æ. 3 yrs.  
 19 *Sylvia*, b. Oct. 29, 1814; m. J. S. French; both deceased.  
 20 *Joseph S.*, b. Nov. 28, 1816; m. Myra Ann Gould, of Lowell; r. Lowell.  
 21 *Emily M.*, b. Jan. 28, 1820; m., Dec. 15, 1845, W. S. Bradford; 2d hus., William F. Carter, of Lowell.  
 22 *John*, b. March 29, 1822; m. Marinda Seaver; re. to California, 1868.  
 23 *Lydia*, b. Sept. 30, 1824; m. Charles L. Bailey; d. Sept. 16, 1846, æ. 21 yrs., 11 mos.  
 24 *Martha Ann*, b. Dec. 19, 1826; m. John Langley, 1850; one ch., Lizzie; re. to Illinois, and he d. there; she m., 2d hus., John Toulson, Lyons, Ia.  
 25 *Thomas*, b. Feb. 27, 1829; m. Clara Houghton; r. California; has been eminently successful; is a large land owner; three ch.  
 26 *Lucy G.*, b. March 19, 1831; unm.; d. March 3, 1851, æ. 19 yrs., 11 mos.  
 27 *Almeda Sarah*, b. April 10, 1837; m. John Milton Mears, Nov. 19, 1865; c.
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#### THE VOSE FAMILY.

- 1 JOHN VOSE (Dea.) removed from Antrim to Peterborough in 1835, and bought the farm of Thomas Steele, Esq., and lived there till his death. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and an estimable and worthy man. He m., May 4, 1829, 1st w., Juliana Hunt, dau. Dea. Timothy Hunt. She d. at Antrim, Dec. 23, 1831, æ. 29 yrs., 9 mos.; m., 2d w., Maria Poor, April 30, 1833. He d. June 4, 1867, æ. 65 yrs., 9 mos.; 1st w., one ch.; 2d w., three ch.



- 2 | *John Hazen*, b. in Antrim, Feb. 2, 1830; m. Alice Cragin.  
 3 | †*Samuel W.*, b. Jan. 27, 1840; m. Hannah M. Cragin.  
 4 | *Harriet Maria*, b. June 16, 1842; d. Oct. 29, 1852, æ. 10 yrs., 4 mos.  
 5 | *Mary Frances*, b. Aug. 2, 1844.
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I- 3 SAMUEL W. VOSE. He succeeded his father on the homestead; m. Hannah M. Cragin, dau. Francis Cragin, May 6, 1869.

- 6 | *Hattie C.*, b. Nov. 6, 1870.  
 7 | *Alice E.*, b. Nov. 22, 1872; d. March 11, 1873, æ. 3 mos.
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#### THE VARNUM FAMILY.

- I | PARKER VARNUM moved to Peterborough in 1838, from Dracut, Mass., and occupied the farm formerly owned by Jesse Miller. He was b. 1790, and d. in Peterborough, Aug. 20, 1859, æ. 69 yrs. He m. Martha McCoy, dau. of Charles and Jane T. McCoy. She d. Aug. 11, 1858, æ. 64 yrs.  
 2 | †*John P.*, b. Jan. 17, 1828; m. Ardilla Dutton, 1857.  
 3 | †*Charles*, b. June 8, 1837; m. Mary J. Davis.
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I- 2 JOHN P. VARNUM. He purchased and lived on the Capt. Robert Swan farm. He m. Ardilla Dutton, 1857. He d. July 13, 1871, æ. 43 yrs.

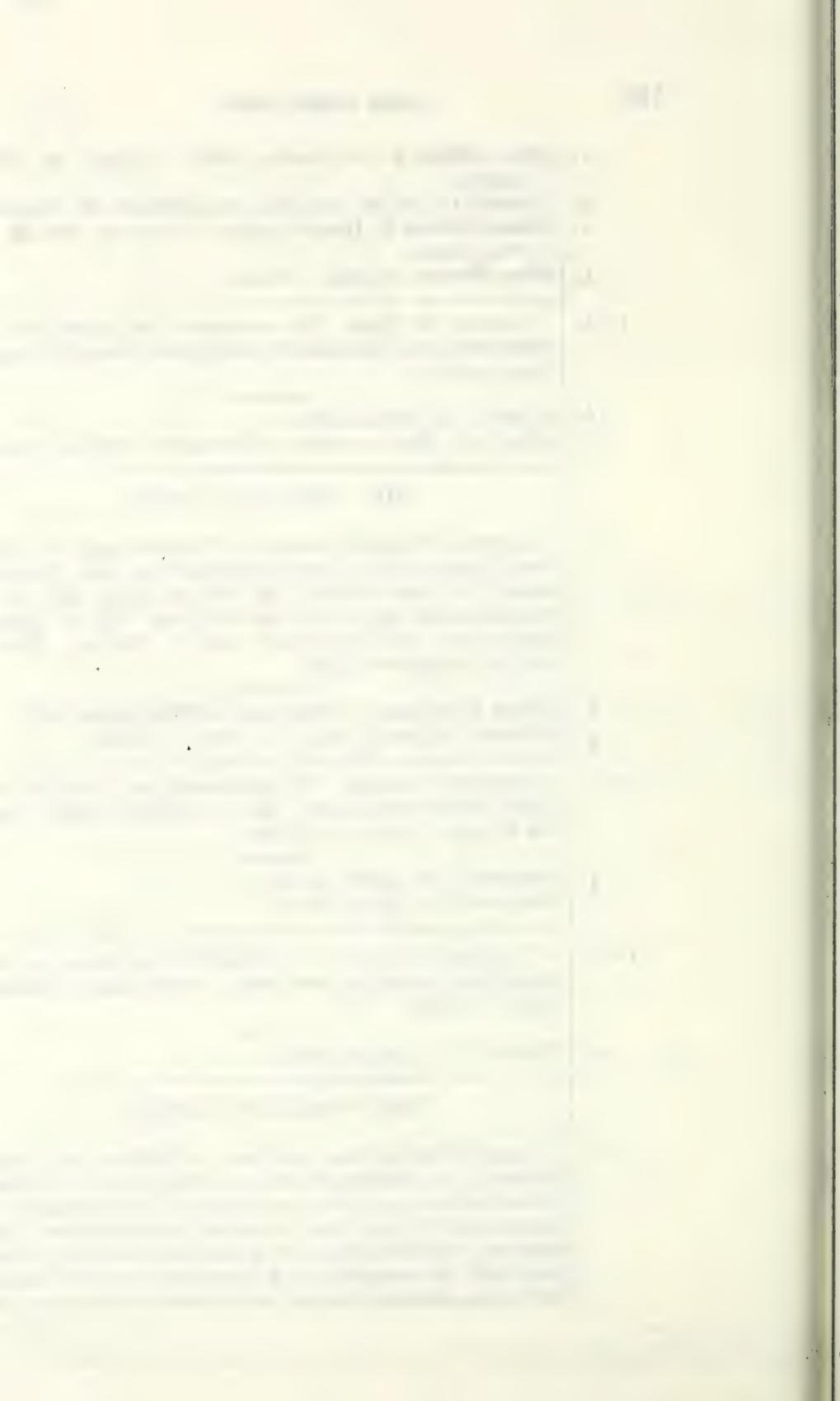
- 4 | *Frederick F.*, b. April 19, 1857.  
 5 | *George A.*, b. Oct. 25, 1858.
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I- 3 CHARLES VARNUM. He succeeded his father on the home place, where he now lives. He m. Mary J. Davis, Sept. 23, 1858.

- 6 | *Charles E.*, b. July 25, 1861.
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#### THE WALKER FAMILY.

- I | JAMES WALKER was the son of Joshua and Mary Walker, b. in Rindge, March 10, 1784, and d. in Peterborough, Dec. 31, 1854, æ. 70 yrs. He graduated at Dartmouth College, 1804; a lawyer by profession. He came to Peterborough in 1814, and practised his profession, with the exception of a few years, until his death. He was an eminent lawyer, and a man of talent and in-



tegrity. He m., 1st w., Sally Smith, dau. James and Sally Ames Smith, of Cavendish, Vt., May 31, 1819. She d. Aug. 26, 1842, æ. 47 yrs.; m., 2d w., Mary Ann Abbot, dau. Rev. Jacob Abbot, of Windham, Feb. 22, 1844. She d. Aug. 9, 1856, æ. 38 yrs.; 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., two ch.

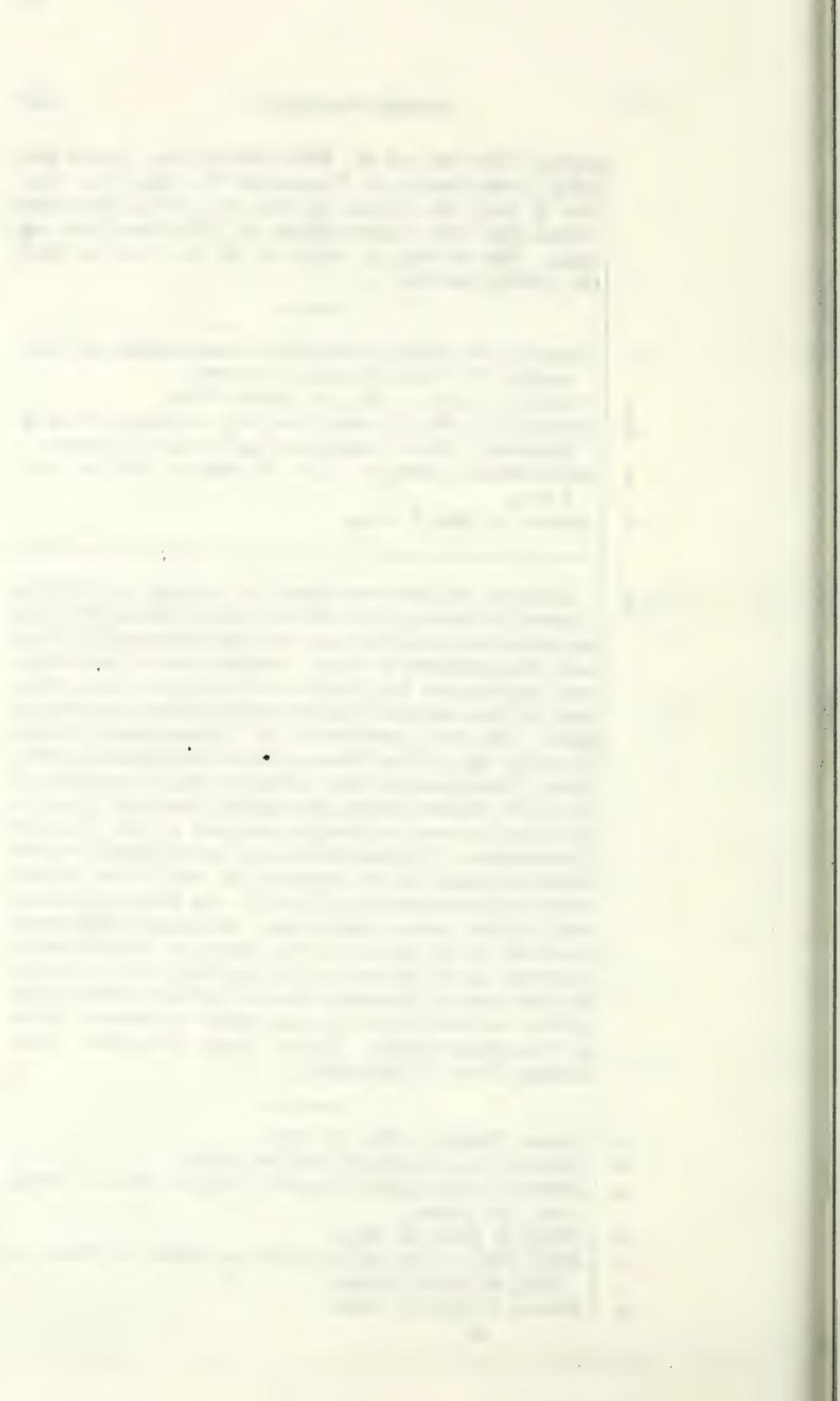
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- 2 *James S.*, b. July 25, 1820.; d. of consumption, at Cavendish; Vt., Aug. 28, 1840, æ. 20 yrs.
  - 3 †*George*, b. April 1, 1824; m. Sarah Bliss.
  - 4 *Ariana S.*, b. Nov. 8, 1829; m., Aug. 28, 1854, Frank B. Sanborn. She d. Aug. 31, 1854, æ. 24 yrs., 9 mos.
  - 5 *Edith Abbot*, b. Dec. 31, 1846; d. Sept. 2, 1848, æ. 1 yr., 8 mos.
  - 6 *Martha*, b. May 8, 1849.
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1- 3 GEORGE WALKER was fitted for college at Phillips (Exeter) Academy, and entered Yale College, but took up his connections here, and entered Dartmouth College and was graduated in 1842. Studied law at Cambridge, and commenced his practice at Chicopee, Mass., 1846, but in 1849 removed to Springfield, where he now resides. He was a member of the Massachusetts Senate for 1857, '58; of the House of Representatives for 1868; Bank Commissioner from 1860 to 1864; President of the Third National Bank, Springfield, from 1865 to 1872. In 1865, he went to Europe as agent of the Treasury Department of United States, and while abroad he published a paper on the finances of the United States, which was extensively published in the French, German, and English papers, and widely distributed, and which rendered great service to the nation in the depressed condition of its financial affairs at the close of the war. He has been a frequent writer of reviews, essays, pamphlets, and newspaper articles, chiefly on finances, down to the present time. He m. Sarah Bliss, dau. Hon. George Bliss of Springfield.

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- 7 *Louisa Dwight*, b. Nov. 8, 1850.
- 8 *James S.*, b. Springfield, May 20, 1854.
- 9 *Arthur*, b. Springfield, May 12, 1857; d. Feb. 8, 1858, æ. 1 yr., 2 mos.
- 10 *Philip*, b. June 29, 1859.
- 11 *Mary Bliss*, b. Springfield, Nov. 29, 1861; d. Sept. 21, 1870, æ. 8 yrs., 9 mos.
- 12 *Ariana*, b. July 23, 1868.



## THE WALLACE FAMILY.

**1** MATTHEW WALLACE was b. in Londonderry, June 23, 1731; came to Peterborough, and owned the Samuel Morison place before Samuel Morison's marriage, 1789. He was town clerk in 1781; selectman 1781; and tithing-man 1785. His name does not appear on the town records after this. He re. to Vermont, and d. there. He m., 1st w., Sarah Wright, dau. of Matthew Wright, one of the first settlers of Jaffrey; m., 2d w., Margaret Morison, dau. of Capt. Thomas Morison. The dates of the deaths of himself and wives unknown, or where they died; 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., five ch.

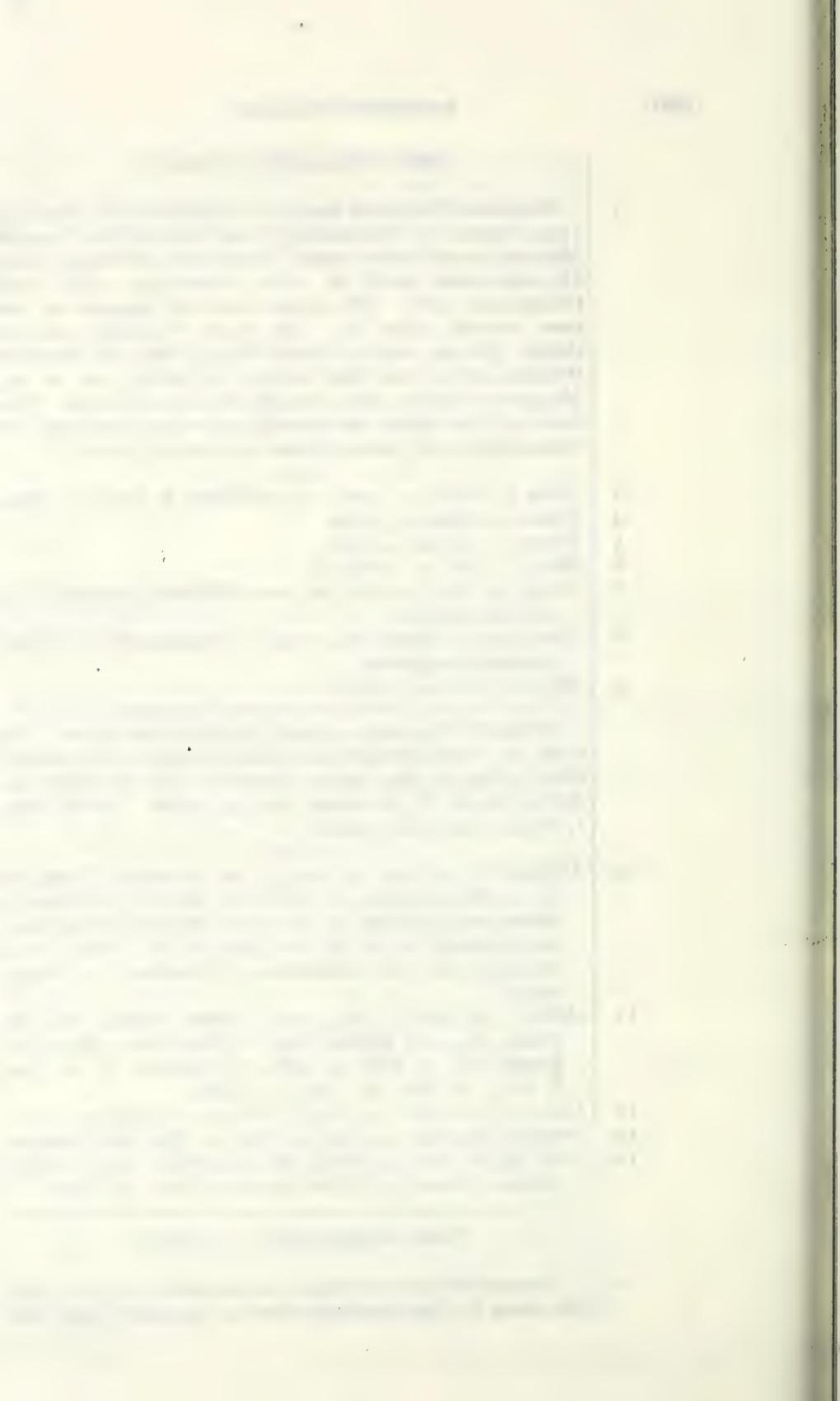
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- 2** *John*, b. March 4, 1767. (3) *William*, b. Feb. 27, 1769.  
**4** *James*, b. April 27, 1771.  
**5** *Thomas*, b. Sept. 3, 1778.  
**6** *Mary*, b. Jan. 31, 1780; d.  
**7** *Sarah*, b. Oct. 8, 1781; m. — Mitchell, Sharon, Vt.; d. in Berlin, Vt.  
**8** *Jonathan*, b. March 20, 1784; r. Potsdam, N. Y.; Universalist clergyman.  
**9** *Mary*, b. Dec. 25, 1789.
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WILLIAM WALLACE, a family distinct from above. He came to Peterborough from New Boston, and worked many years in the cotton factories. He m. Mary E. Ames, dau. of T. K. Ames, Oct. 31, 1840. He d. Aug. 1, 1853, æ. 40 yrs., 9 mos.

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- 10** *William B.*, b. Dec. 13, 1840; d. at Memphis, Tenn., in U. S. service, Sept. 16, 1863, æ. 22 yrs. He was a brave young soldier in the war of the Rebellion, having enlisted in Co. E., 6th Reg. N. H. Vols. It is inscribed on his tombstone, "Freedom is always costly."
- 11** *Abbie L.*, b. April 1, 1843; m. J. Frank Noone, June 28, 1864; ch., (1) Katie Eva, b. March 28, 1867; (2) Ernest W., b. Nov. 3, 1870; (3) Arthur F., b. Jan. 8, 1873; d. May 28, 1873, æ. 4 mos.
- 12** *George F.*, b. April 25, 1847; d. Aug. 16, 1848, æ. 1 yr.
- 13** *Frank A.*, b. Jan. 5, 1850; m., July 4, 1876, Effie Preston.
- 14** *Lottie E.*, b. Nov. 25, 1852; m., December, 1873, Daniel Spline. One ch., Willie Morris, b. Feb. 19, 1875.
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## THE WASHBURN FAMILY.

- 1** REUBEN WASHBURN was b. in Hancock, July 20, 1789. He came to Peterborough when a boy, and lived with



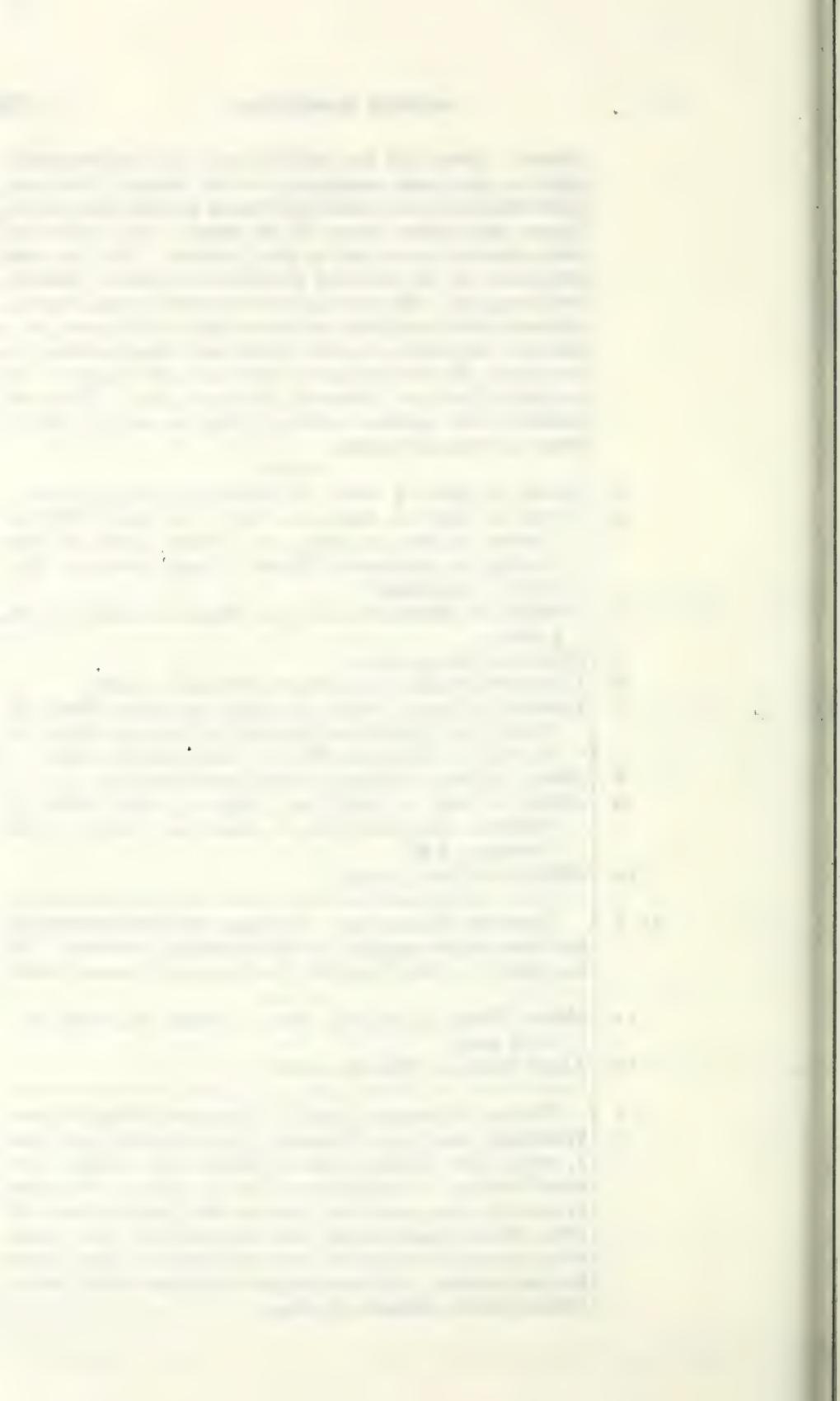
Samuel Spear till he was of age. He subsequently spent a few years lumbering in the British Provinces, and returned to town and purchased the old farm of Mr. Spear, and resided there till his death. Mr. Washburn was a worthy man and a good citizen. His life was governed by the strictest principles of honor, honesty, and integrity. He was highly respected in the community as a kind neighbor, as benevolent to the poor, as a staunch supporter of good order, and always liberal in sustaining the institutions of learning and religion. He m. Sally Tuttle, of Hancock, May 10, 1821. They celebrated their golden wedding, May 10, 1871. He d. Aug. 1, 1876, æ. 89 yrs.

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- 2 *Sarah*, b. April 13, 1822; d. March 7, 1842, æ. 20 yrs.  
 3 *George*, b. May 15, 1823; m., Sept. 16, 1847, Abby M. Cheney, b. Dec. 21, 1823; ch., Frank Leslie, b. May 1, 1849; a graduate of Bates College, Lewiston, Me., 1875; r. Ashland.  
 4 *Franklin*, b. March 26, 1825; d. Sept. 21, 1826, æ. 1 yr., 5 mos.  
 5 *Mary*, b. Feb. 2, 1827.  
 6 *Sampson*, b. Oct. 21, 1828; m. Sarah E. Clark.  
 7 *Leonard*, b. Jan. 7, 1831; m., Oct. 25, 1860, Sarah A. Wood; ch., (1) Nellie Gertrude, b. Aug. 26, 1864; (2) Alice M., b. May 24, 1866; r. San Francisco, Cal.  
 8 *Henry*, b. Sept. 1, 1832; r. San Francisco, Cal.  
 9 *Anna*, b. July 1, 1835; m., July 23, 1861, Milo P. Holmes; ch., Henry E., b. Nov. 20, 1865; r. San Francisco, Cal.  
 10 *Harriet*, b. Dec. 5, 1837.
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1- 6 SAMPSON WASHBURN. He lives on the homestead; has been much engaged in the lumbering business. He m., April 12, 1860, Sarah E. Clark, dau. of Samuel Clark.

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- 11 *Albert Henry*, b. Dec. 25, 1864; d. Sept. 23, 1866, æ. 1 yr., 8 mos.  
 12 *Lizzie Clark*, b. Dec. 23, 1868.
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1 WATSON WASHBURN, son of Elijah and Betsey Watson Washburn, was b. in Hancock, June 16, 1796; m., June 4, 1822, Orra Stanley, dau. of Israel and Eunice Norwood Stanley, b. in Swansey, Nov. 11, 1804. He came to town in 1824, and first lived on the Fletcher farm till 1832, when he purchased and occupied the Alld farm, which he sold in 1848, and removed to the village, where he now resides. He was elected a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, March 18, 1840.



- 2 | *Lorenzo S.*, b. in Hancock, Dec. 8, 1823; m. Nancy M. Dinsmore; ch., (1) Andrew; (2) Watson; (3) Angelia; r. Louisville, Ky. Is a photographer in an extensive and successful business in that city.
- 3 | *William W.*, b. in Peterborough, Nov. 2, 1825; r. New Orleans, La. Is engaged in photography, in which he has attained much eminence and success.
- 4 | *Leander W.*, b. June 12, 1830; was killed in Boston by the explosion of a soda-fountain, July 1, 1848, æ. 18 yrs., 6 mos.
- 5 | *Charles H.*, b. June 19, 1837. He was also a photographer, skilful and eminent in his profession; m. Jennie M. Stanley, July 20, 1875; one ch., Charles H., b. April 25, 1876. He d. Nov. 24, 1875, æ. 38 yrs., 5 mos.; r. New Orleans.
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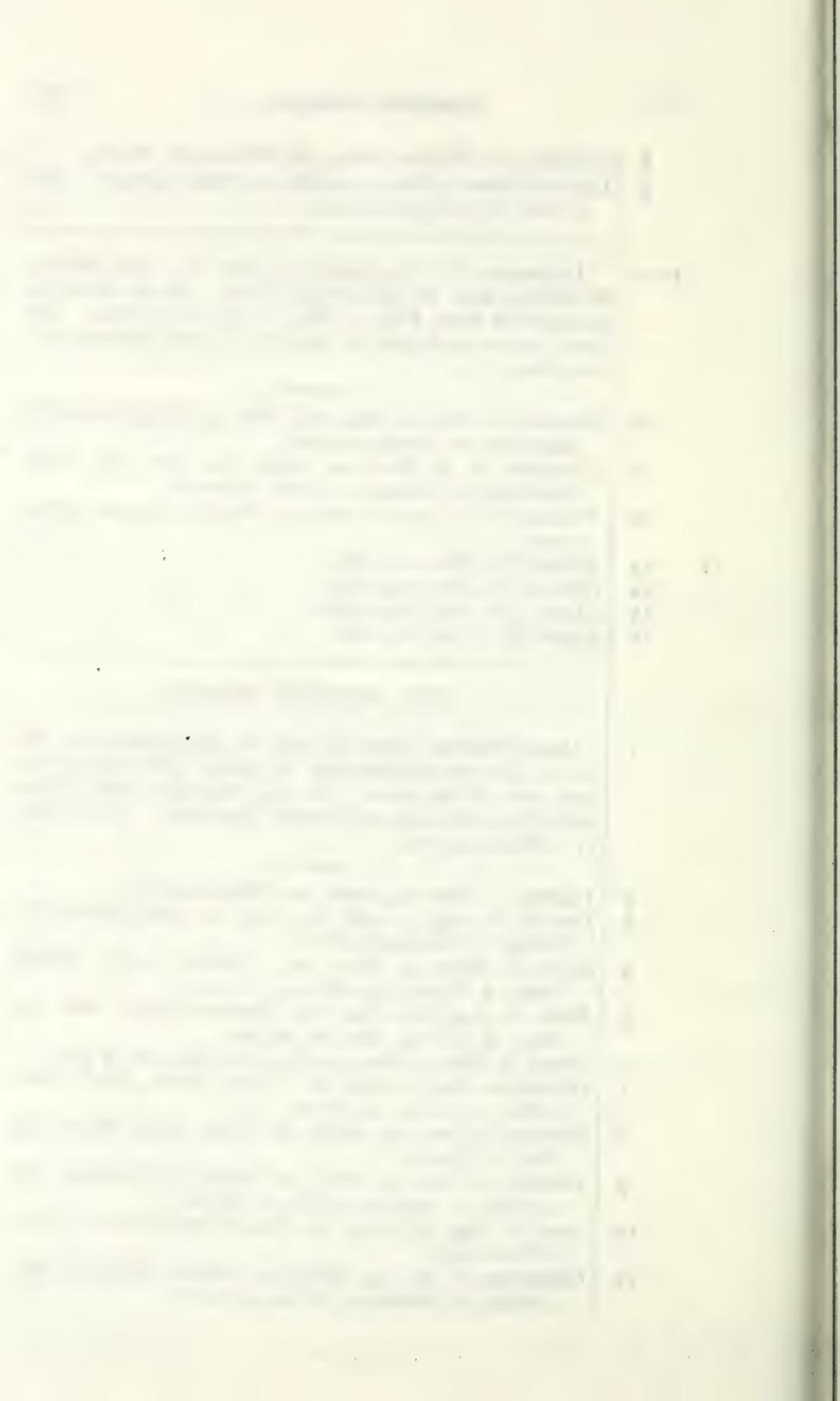
- 1 | CALVIN WASHBURN, another family with no distinct relationship to the above, was b. in Easton, Mass., Aug. 30, 1780, and d. in Peterborough, April 10, 1864, æ. 84 yrs., 7 mos. He m. Polly Straw, 1804, and lived in various places in town. She d. Jan. 20, 1865, æ. 83 yrs. He came to town about 1795.
- 2 | *Elizabeth S.*, b. Sept. 23, 1805; m. Daniel Pratt, the son of Joshua Pratt, b. in Easton, Mass., in 1797; came to Peterborough in 1807, and d. at Newton, Mass., in 1861, æ. 64 yrs.; ch., (1) Franklin D., b. 1824; d. in 1825; (2) Mary W., b. 1825; m. William R. Haywood, of Easton, Oct. 15, 1844; (3) Lowell H., b. 1830; m. Susan Watkins in 1854; d. Oct. 25, 1857, æ. 27 yrs.; (4) Sylvia S., b. 1832; d. 1837, æ. 5 yrs.
- 3 | *Mary*, b. July 16, 1807; m. Nathan Leathers, Dec. 31, 1827.
- 4 | *Levina*, b. Jan. 1, 1811; m. Horace Evans, April 30, 1833; d. March 4, 1857, æ. 46 yrs., 2 mos.; ch., (1) Horace E., b. June 20, 1834; (2) Harrison D., b. May 2, 1836; (3) Samuel D., b. June 26, 1839; d. July 8, 1840; (4) Calvin A., b. Feb. 6, 1842; d. Feb. 7, 1843, æ. 1 yr.; (5) Mary E., b. Nov. 23, 1845; (6) Abbie L., b. July 19, 1849; d. Oct. 5, 1849, æ. 2 mos.
- 5 | *Roanza*, b. Nov. 3, 1813; m., Nov. 27, 1835, John Holt, b. Sept. 25, 1807. He d. of a cancer of the stomach, Feb. 8, 1875, æ. 67 yrs., 4 mos.; ch., (1) Mary M., b. July 15, 1836; (2) John W., b. April 15, 1840; m. Ann M. Bemis, of Troy, Nov. 28, 1861, b. April 30, 1842. He d. March 24, 1866, æ. 25 yrs., 11 mos.
- 6 | †*Harrison D.*, b. April 25, 1816; m. Betsey M. White.
- 7 | *Ranseleer M.*, b. Feb. 5, 1821; d. May 16, 1821, æ. 3 mos.



- 8 *Abigail S.*, b. May 22, 1824; m. William F. White.  
 9 *Calvin Nelson*, b. Oct. 25, 1826; m. Sarah Cragin. She d. Feb. 24, 1875, æ. 49 yrs.
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- 10 HARRISON D. WASHBURN m., Oct. 27, 1842, Betsey M. White, dau. of William M. White. He d. of an abscess of the liver, Feb. 2, 1862, æ. 45 yrs., 10 mos. He lived in the north part of the town on the Reuben Melvin place.
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- 10 *Sarah A.*, b. May 1, 1844; m., May 23, 1869, Robert S. Morrison; r. South Acworth.  
 11 *Georgiana A.*, b. Nov. 24, 1848; m., Dec. 31, 1868, Frederick F. Turner; r. South Acworth.  
 12 *William W.*, b. Jan. 21, 1851; d. Aug. 2, 1854, æ. 3 yrs., 6 mos.  
 13 *Sylvia F.*, b. Dec. 18, 1853.  
 14 *Clara A.*, b. Dec. 30, 1855.  
 15 *Lizzie A.*, b. Sept. 29, 1858.  
 16 *Elmer H.*, b. July 27, 1861.
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## THE WESTON FAMILY.

- 1 ABEL WESTON came to town in 1794, from — ; b. — . He was a shoemaker by trade. He lived in the east part of the town. He m., February, 1796, Elizabeth Treadwell, dau. of Samuel Treadwell. He d. Feb. 17, 1860, æ. 90 yrs.
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- 2 †*Samuel*, b. Nov. 23, 1796; m. Eliza Gardner.  
 3 *Levi M.*, b. Aug. 3, 1798; m., Aug. 21, 1828, Erthen M. Knapp; r. Newburg, N.Y.  
 4 *Mary*, b. May 2, 1800; m., October, 1823, Joseph True; d. March 15, 1831, æ. 31 yrs.  
 5 *Helen*, b. Aug. 16, 1802; m. Thomas Floyd, Nov. 15, 1823; d. June 9, 1831, æ. 29 yrs.  
 6 *Nancy*, b. May 2, 1804; d. Aug. 17, 1831, æ. 27 yrs.  
 7 *Harriet*, b. May 6, 1806; m. Cyrus Brown, April, 1826; d. May 14, 1833, æ. 27 yrs.  
 8 *Clarissa*, b. Dec. 16, 1808; m. Hale True, March 17, 1829; r. Derry.  
 9 *Timothy*, b. Dec. 11, 1810; m. Eunice O. Cushman, July 1, 1839; d. April 13, 1856, æ. 46 yrs.  
 10 *Amos*, b. Aug. 10, 1813; m. Betsey Patch, March, 1837; r. Wisconsin.  
 11 *Cummings*, b. Jan. 15, 1816; m. Adaline Champion, July 3, 1842; d. March 27, 1870, æ. 54 yrs.

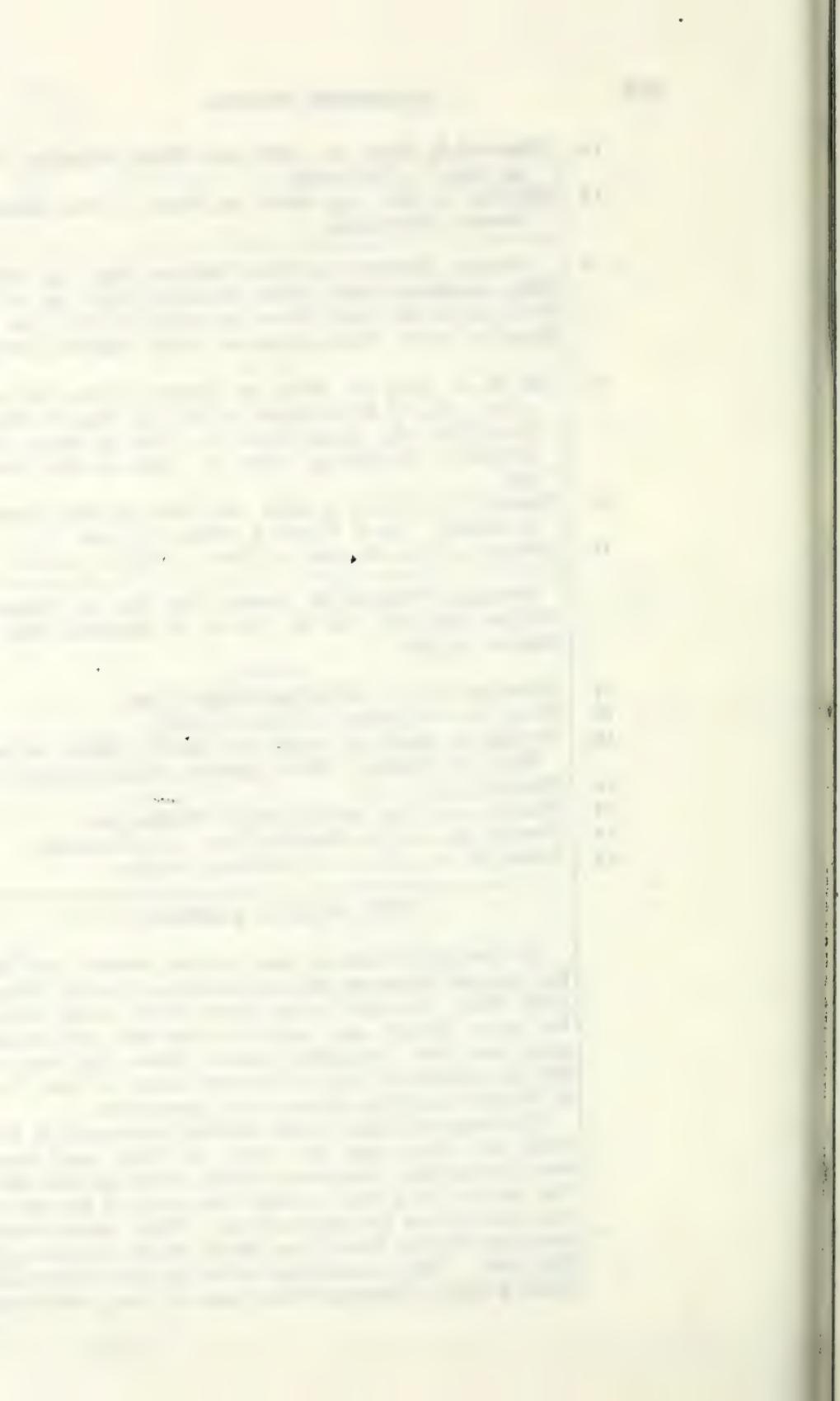


- 12** *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 17, 1818; m. Hiram Wheeler, July 29, 1840; r. California.
- 13** *Martha*, b. Nov. 13, 1822; m., May 7, 1874, Daniel Sawyer, Greenfield.
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- 1-2** **SAMUEL WESTON** m. Eliza Gardner, Sept. 19, 1822. They celebrated their golden wedding, Sept. 19, 1872. He lives on the Carley Road, so called, a mile east of Hunt's Corner. He is a deacon in the Baptist Church.
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- 14** *Ann E.*, b. June 28, 1823; m. James Ferren, Oct. 24, 1848; ch., (1) Eliza Annie, b. Oct. 13, 1849; m. Herbert Ollis; ch., Harry Frank, b. Feb. 23, 1875; (2) Frank W., b. May 31, 1852; d. Aug. 15, 1858, æ. 6 yrs.
- 15** *Samuel T.*, b. March 2, 1825; m., Feb. 3, 1857, Laura S. Smiley. He d. March 3, 1876, æ. 51 yrs.
- 16** *Orland*, b. Nov. 18, 1826; d. Nov. 1, 1838, æ. 12 yrs.
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- EPHRAIM WESTON** m. Betsey Nay, dau. of Deacon William Nay, 2d. He d. She d. at Hancock, May 7, 1844, æ. 70 yrs.
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- 17** *Ephraim*, b. — ; d. in Cambridge, Mass.
- 18** *Betsey*, b. — ; unm. ; d. Feb. 26, 1865.
- 19** *William*, b. April 15, 1798; m. Harriet Hale; 2d w., Wid. — Fisher. He d. June 24, 1848, æ. 50 yrs.
- 20** *Harriet*, b. — ; m.
- 21** *John*, b. — ; m. Sarah Farwell, Washington.
- 22** *Timothy*, b. — ; m. Matilda Nay; d. in Hancock.
- 23** *Esther*, b. — ; m. — McClure, Antrim.
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### THE WHITE FAMILY.

All the inhabitants in town, at the present time, by the name of White are the descendants of Patrick White. John White, his son (called Pond John), came before his father Patrick, and settled in the east part of the town, near the Cunningham pond. There are now of the descendants of John White ten voters in town, five of the third and five of the fourth generation.

It is supposed that, in the earliest settlement of the town, say from 1740 to 1750, his farm must have been a somewhat dangerous locality, from the fact, that the Indians had a trail through the notch of the mountain near where the road now is. Their course must have been by the Town Line Brook, which runs through this farm. This stream was called by them Nubanusit (little waters). Samuel White (son to John), who lived



on the brook, had noticed the foundations of the Indians' wigwams on his land, and had often ploughed up Indian implements; once in particular a tomahawk, and also flint arrow-points from three to eight inches in length. James G. White, Esq., his son, to whom I am indebted for all the data relating to the White family, recollects his father showing him these foundations, and giving him a tomahawk for a plaything when a small boy.

Game was plenty at this time—wild turkeys were then common,—and the brook was well supplied with trout. It is reported on good authority that within two hundred rods of John White's house, Maj. Heald, the Nimrod of Temple, caught eleven bears in wood-traps, in one season.

No one of this race has ever been imprisoned for debt or crime, and all have been distinguished as quiet and industrious citizens and as kind, peaceable and honest men. No quarrels were known among them, no over-reaching or prevarication or insincerity. Though they took little part in the administration of the municipal affairs of the town, yet on all occasions requiring physical effort or personal skill none went before them. They were hardy and resolute. Though not strictly religious men, they nevertheless attended and supported cheerfully all the ordinances of religion; but in patriotism, in those times when all men were tried, they came up true and earnest patriots. The name of this race is found in every quota of troops furnished by the town during the Revolution.

<sup>1</sup> PATRICK WHITE, son of John and Elizabeth White, was b. in Ireland in 1710. He was a man of education, and possessed some wealth. He studied for a Catholic priest, but renounced the doctrine and fled his country. He came first to Londonderry, and m. Jane White, Dec. 14, 1741; re. to Lunenburg, where he raised a large family. He came to Peterborough about the year 1778, and located himself on the Mussey place, so called, now occupied by Benjamin Crosby, where he d., May 10, 1792, æ. 82 yrs.; she d. Dec. 16, 1803, æ. 84 yrs.

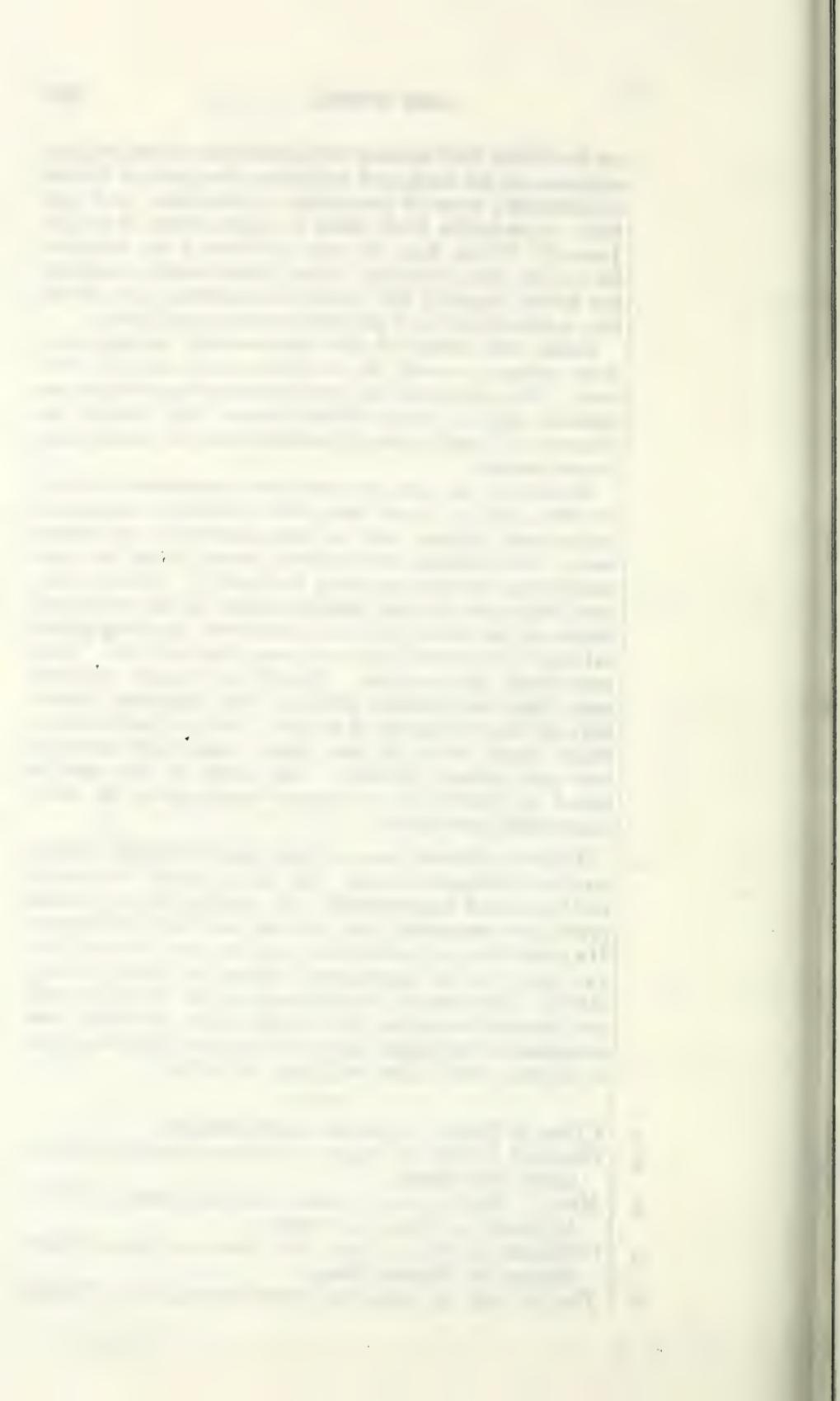
<sup>2</sup> †*John*, b. Dec. 5, 1742; m. Hannah Miller.

<sup>3</sup> *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 6, 1745; m. William Stuart; 2d hus., Lieut. John Gregg.

<sup>4</sup> *Mary*, b. May 10, 1747; unm.; re. to Unadilla, N. Y.; d. March 21, 1840; æ. 92 yrs.

<sup>5</sup> †*William*, b. Jan. 7, 1750; m., June 22, 1776, Betsey Shearer, of Palmer, Mass.

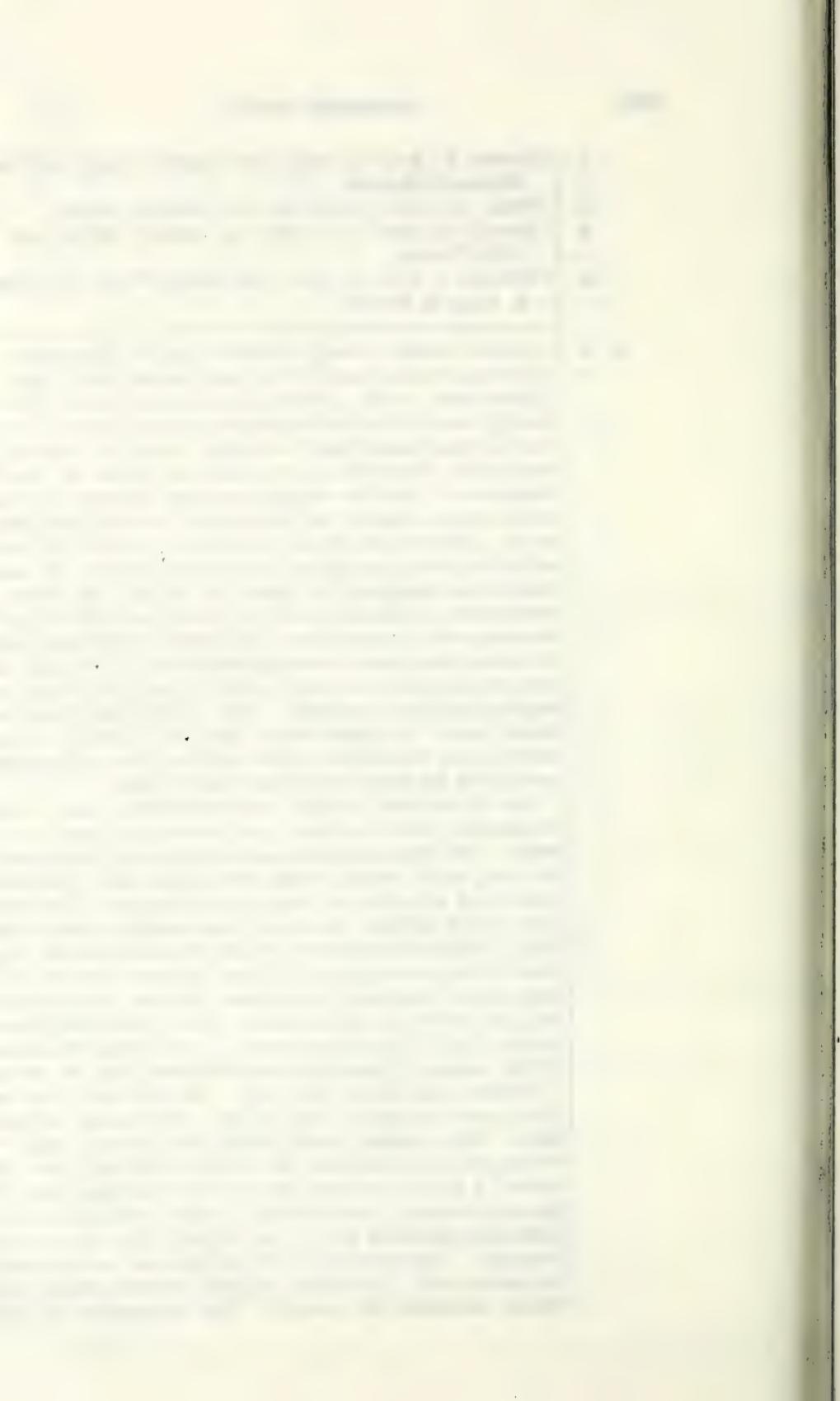
<sup>6</sup> *Jane*, b. July 19, 1752; m. John Shearer, Jr., of Palmer.



- 7 | *Eleanor*, b. Jan. 5, 1755 ; m. Jacob Gregg ; 2d hus.,  
Richard Gilchrist.  
8 | *James*, b. June 6, 1756 ; re. to Coleraine, Mass.  
9 | †*David*, b. Sept. 17, 1758 ; m. Betsey Miller ; 2d w.,  
Sally Dutton.  
10 | †*Thomas*, b. Jan. 3, 1762 ; m. Nancy Wiley ; d. March  
6, 1843, æ. 82 yrs.
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1- 2 JOHN WHITE (Pond), called thus to distinguish the individual from others of the same name, lived near the Cunningham Pond. He was the first of Patrick White's family, that settled in Peterborough about the year 1770. He first purchased land in Rindge, which he exchanged with a Mr. Hendricks for the farm on which he lived to the close of his life. About one acre of trees had been felled, which was all the betterment that had been made on it. It is situated in the south-east part of the town, adjoining the Cunningham Pond, being nearly the same farm now occupied by Isaac D. White. He went to work with a will, and being a strong and athletic man he soon, with hewn timber, built him a house and barn. It was to him then a howling wilderness all around him, and the forests abounded with a plenty of bears and wolves, and lesser animals. The wild turkey was then found here. In these early days, once during a hard snow-storm, the wolves broke into his barn in the night, and killed his cow, which was a severe loss.

Mr. White, was a quiet, unostentatious man, a kind husband, a generous father, and always at home and at work. He is said to have been uncommonly expert with his axe, even among those who used this instrument more than all others in the early settlement. This anecdote is told of him: At one of the country stores of that day, a number of the early settlers were assembled, when those whose names were William boasted that the Williams could beat any other name in town in chopping, or in any other use of the axe. John Smith, Esq., being present, said, "No, they cannot. I will bring you a man by the name of John that can beat any man in town." "Produce your man," said they. He said they dare not take the stakes against John White; nor, indeed, did they dare. Hon. Samuel Smith being also present, said, "I will wager a certain sum that John White will hew one side of a stick of timber, in one day, reaching from the meeting-house in Peterborough to the meeting-house in Hancock, provided that it is properly laid up for this purpose." He served in the Revolution,—how much we cannot tell. It is often difficult to know which John White rendered the service. The homestead of John



White consisted of a part of the Stuart, the Samuel and William White farms, now occupied by Albert Clark, Josiah Brackett, and F. P. Condy. He m. Hannah Miller, dau. of Samuel and Margaret Miller. She d. Dec. 23, 1825, æ. 77 yrs. He d. Jan. 11, 1823, æ. 79 yrs.

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- 11 *Jane*, b. 1776; d. 1778.
  - 12 †*Samuel*, b. March 30, 1778; m. Thirza Gowing.
  - 13 *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 27, 1781; m. Nathan Cram.
  - 14 †*Fames*, b. March 30, 1784; m. Milly Law.
  - 15 *Nellie*, } m. Eli Upton; d. Oct. 23,  
1859, æ. 71 yrs.
  - 16 *Sally*, } b. Oct. 2, 1788; m. Joseph Cram.
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I- 5 WILLIAM WHITE. He settled on the farm now occupied by F. P. Condy, in south-east part of the town. He was a worthy, excellent man. He rendered service in the Revolution at various times; he was called out at the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775; was in the army at Cambridge, 1775; three months in New York, at Saratoga, 1777. He m. Betsey Shearer, of Palmer, Mass., June 12, 1777, b. Aug. 4, 1754. She d. July 14, 1836, æ. 82 yrs. He d. March 10, 1837, æ. 87 yrs,

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- 17 †*John S.*, b. June 9, 1778; m. Jean Gray.
  - 18 *Jane*, b. May 30, 1780; unm.; d. Dec. 22, 1849, æ. 69 yrs.
  - 19 *Polly*, b. Sept. 24, 1783; unm.; d. Hanover, Ill., Sept. 8, 1856, æ. 73 yrs.
  - 20 *Betsey*, b. Sept. 29, 1785; m., Nov. 17, 1808, Wm. Stearns, of Temple; d. May 7, 1818, æ. 33 yrs.
  - 21 †*William L.*, b. April 13, 1789; m. Jane White.
  - 22 †*Jonathan*, b. March 17, 1792; m. Sarah B. Goss, Amherst.
  - 23 *Nellie*, b. June 16, 1797; m. Dexter D. Carley; d. Hanover, Ill., January, 1874, æ. 77 yrs.
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I- 9 DAVID WHITE. He settled in the north part of the town. He m., 1st w., Betsey Miller, dau. of William Miller, Sen. She d. Sept. 19, 1796, æ. 29 yrs.; m., 2d w., Sally Dutton, of Greenfield. She d. He d. Sept. 25, 1843, æ. 84 yrs. For some years he owned and carried on the grist-mill at the Holmes or Bowers Mills. He served in the Revolution, alarm at Lexington, in army at Cambridge, 1775, and three months in Rhode Island, 1778; 1st w., three ch.; 2d w., eight ch.

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- 24 †*William M.*, b. July 12, 1788; m. Sally Law.



- 25 | *Jane*, b. Sept. 12, 1790; m. William L. White.  
 26 | *Sarah*, b. March 31, 1793; m. James Parker.  
 27 | *Lydia*, b. Aug. 1, 1799; m. Philip Grant; r. Orleans,  
N.Y.  
 28 | *Alvah*, b. May 7, 1801; m., March 25, 1828, Almira  
Parker, of Antrim; m., 2d w., Susan Goodwin, of  
Dover; lived in Lowell, and re. to Exeter, where he  
d. Jan. 23, 1861, æ. 59 yrs., 8 mos.  
 29 | *Reuben*, } d. young, 1804.  
30 | *Nancy*, } b. July 8, 1803; m., Nov. 15, 1843, William  
Dennis; r. Hancock.  
 31 | *Louis*, b. Oct. 9, 1807; m., Oct. 12, 1827, Silas Farmer,  
of Greenfield; re. to Redfield, N.Y. She d. July 14,  
1856, æ. 48 yrs., 9 mos.  
 32 | *David*, b. Nov. 18, 1809; m., Dec. 12, 1838, Mary Ann  
Carr; r. Antrim.  
 33 | *Deidamia*, b. Oct. 6, 1814; m., April 20, 1834, Franklin  
Perry; r. Antrim.  
 34 | *Belinda*, b. Aug. 30, 1817; m., Dec. 22, 1842, Alfred  
Swain; r. Epping.
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**1- 10** THOMAS WHITE. He settled on the farm afterwards occupied by Deacon Samuel Miller. He re. to Unadilla, N.Y., 1824. He m., March 4, 1790, Nancy Wiley. She d. March 31, 1856, æ. 90 yrs. He d. March 6, 1843, æ. 82 yrs.

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- 35 | *Jane*, b. Jan. 22, 1791; unm.; d. May 19, 1862, æ. 71  
yrs.  
 36 | *John*, b. Nov. 17, 1792; m., Oct. 9, 1820, Sally Fay;  
five ch.; d. Sept. 9, 1872, æ. 79 yrs., 9 mos.  
 37 | *Thomas, Jr.*, b. June 29, 1795; d. from the kick of a  
horse, Oct. 1, 1818, æ. 23 yrs.  
 38 | *Samuel*, b. June 7, 1798; d. March 14, 1811, æ. 12 yrs.  
 39 | *Daniel*, b. Feb. 22, 1801; m., June 26, 1832, Sarah Prentiss;  
d.  
 40 | *Stephen S.*, b. March 17, 1807; unm.; d. May 13, 1860,  
æ. 53 yrs.
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**2- 12** SAMUEL WHITE. He went to Belfast when a young man, and assisted in laying out some townships in that section. He returned to Peterborough, and settled on land owned by his father, which he cleared, and on which built a set of buildings; which place he occupied till his death. He was a worthy, good man, always amiable, kind, and honest. He m. Thirza Gowing, dau. of James Gowing, of Dublin, b. July 3, 1775; she d.



March 18, 1851, æ. 75 yrs., 8 mos. He d. May 28, 1860, æ. 82 yrs.

41 *Irene*, b. Dec. 23, 1808; unm.; d. July 20, 1875, æ. 66 yrs., 6 mos.

42 †*James G.*, b. Sept. 29, 1810; m. Sarah S. Gibbs.

2- 14 JAMES WHITE (Capt.). He lived on the old home-stead. He was at one time captain of the artillery. He m. Milly Law, of Sharon, Feb. 4, 1812; she d. August, 1873, æ. 82 yrs. He d. July 6, 1859, æ. 75 yrs.

43 †*Isaac D.*, b. April 10, 1812; m. Timnah Mansfield.

44 †*Stephen*, b. Nov. 30, 1813; m. Phebe Greenfield.

45 *Nathan C.*, b. August, 1815; m. Polly Greenfield; c.

46 †*John Milton*, b. Aug. 19, 1820; m. Mary Fitts; r. New Ipswich.

47 *Emily*, b. May 12, 1817; unm.

48 *Charlotte*, b. July 11, 1825; unm.

5- 17 JOHN SHEARER WHITE. He lived on the Maj. Samuel Gregg place in the north part of the town. He m. Jean Gray, Dec. 2, 1813; she d. Sept. 27, 1854, æ. 78 yrs. He d. Feb. 22, 1855, æ. 77 yrs.

49 *Elizabeth P.*, b. June 24, 1817; m. James Swan, March 17, 1846.

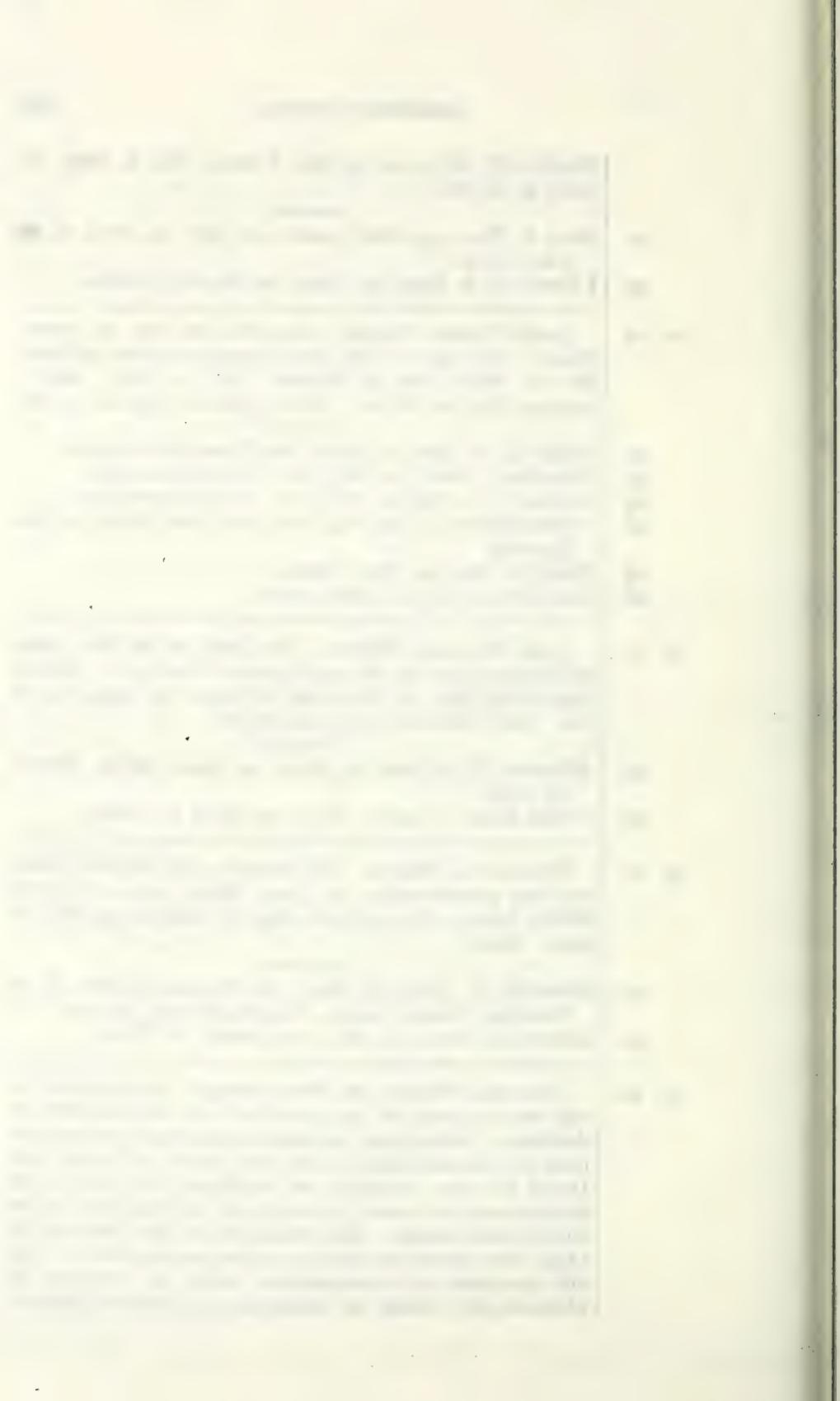
50 †*John Kelso*, b. July 2, 1819; m. Mary H. Swan.

5- 21 WILLIAM L. WHITE. He settled on his father's place, but not permanently; m. Jane White, dau. of David White, June 6, 1811; she d. Aug. 8, 1846, æ. 55 yrs., 10 mos. He d.

51 *Sarah E.*, b. July 18, 1817; m. Thomas Upton; d. at Reading, Mass., June 3, 1840, æ. 22 yrs., 10 mos.

52 *Lucinda*, b. Sept. 28, 1819; m. Joseph B. Pierce.

5- 22 JONATHAN WHITE left Peterborough in 1812 when he was twenty years of age, and took up his residence in Amherst. Soon after, he became associated in the business of manufacturing cards for cotton and wool with David Holmes, in which he continued till 1830, when he removed to Lowell, to carry on his business by the aid of water power. He continued in the business till 1850, new inventions having entirely superseded all the old processes of manufacture, when he removed to Hanover, Ill., where he subsequently interested himself



in various pursuits, as farming, trade, etc., and was postmaster of the place till he resigned in his eightieth year. In Lowell, he was many years a member of the Common Council, but declined other municipal offices. He m. Sarah B. Goss, dau. of Ephraim and Anah Goss, of Amherst, Jan. 1, 1817. Mrs. Goss was b. in Lunenburg, Feb. 1, 1770; d. March 20, 1875, æ. 105 yrs., 1 mo., 19<sup>th</sup> d. He had a large family of eleven ch., of whom seven are now living.

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**9- 24** WILLIAM M. WHITE. He lived on the Wiley farm, now occupied by his son, Wm. Franklin. He held many offices in town. Selectman 1839, '40. He m. Sally Law, of Sharon, April 10, 1817, b. Dec. 25, 1788; d. July 29, 1874, æ. 85 yrs., 7 mos. He d. June 12, 1863, æ. 74 yrs., 11 mos.

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- 53 *Betsey M.*, b. March 30, 1818; m. Harrison Washburn.  
 54 *Reuben L.*, b. Dec. 2, 1819; d. Jan. 5, 1822, æ. 2 yrs., 1 mo.  
 55 *Sarah F.*, b. Aug. 16, 1824; m. Levi W. Fisk, Harrisville, Feb. 26, 1857.  
 56 *Wm. Franklin*, b. Nov. 18, 1822; m. Abby Washburn, Dec. 31, 1850, b. May 22, 1824.
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**12- 42** JAMES G. WHITE. He was absent from town nine years after he came of age, and then returned and built a house on School Street, where he now lives. County commissioner 1852, '53; justice of the peace; selectman 1845, '46; m. Sarah S. Gibbs, dau. of Asa Gibbs.

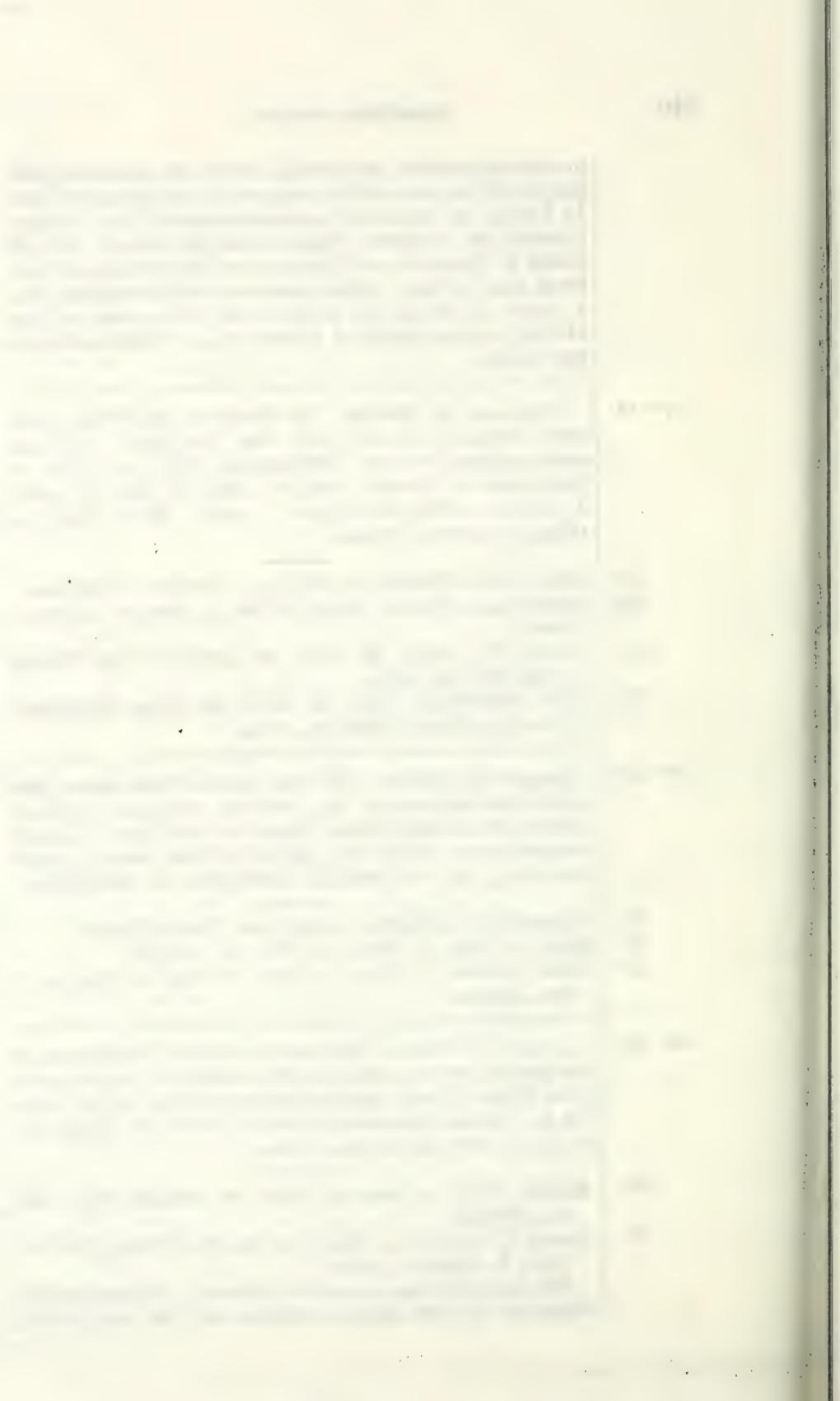
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- 57 †*Samuel G.*, b. March 3, 1842; m. Nancy Carter.  
 58 *Mary*, b. July 14, 1838; m. Wm. H. Longley.  
 59 *Nellie Gertrude*, b. Nov. 8, 1846; d. May 16, 1864, æ. 18 yrs., 6 mos.
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**14- 43** ISAAC D. WHITE. He lived on the old homestead of the family, and was the only descendant of the ancestor, John White (Pond), that owned any of the original farm. He m. Timnah Mansfield, Rindge, March 28, 1839. He d. July 5, 1875, æ. 63 yrs., 2 mos.

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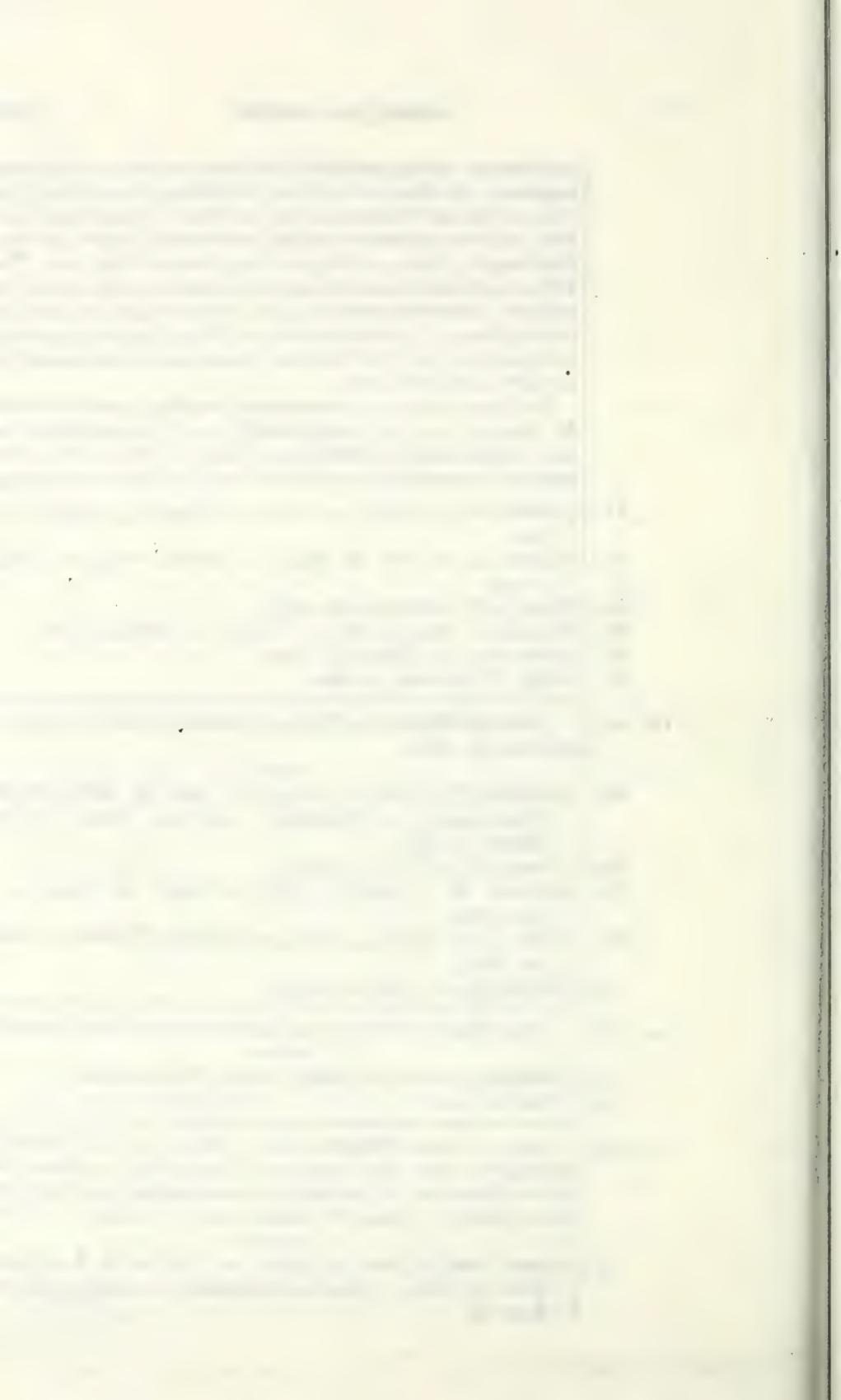
- 60 *Martin V. B.*, b. June 24, 1840; m. Melissa Hill; one ch., Freddie.  
 61 *Daniel M.*, b. May 4, 1843; m. Martha Billings, Oct. 18, 1866, b. March 8, 1840.  
 His early life was spent on the farm. He received his education at the district schools and the neighboring



academies, having attended the latter entirely at his own expense. In the war of the Rebellion, he enlisted in 1864 in the 1st Regiment of the New Hampshire Cavalry, and was promoted to the lieutenancy before he was discharged, July 15, 1865, at the close of the war. In 1872, he enlisted and organized a company of cavalry in town of sixty-five members, the only company of cavalry in the State. It has the name of being the best cavalry company in the New England States, and is an honor to the town and the State.

In March, 1869, he commenced reading law with Ezra M. Smith, Esq., in Peterborough, and was admitted to the Hillsborough County bar, May 12, 1874, and commenced in town the practice of law the June following.

- 62 *Anthony W.*, b. Sept. 21, 1845; d. Aug. 13, 1851, æ. 6 yrs.  
 63 *Nathan L.*, b. Feb. 18, 1848; d. July 28, 1851, æ. 3 yrs., 5 mos.  
 64 *Irving M.*, b. March 28, 1853.  
 65 *Isaac L.*, b. Aug. 5, 1855; d. Sept. 10, 1856, æ. 1 yr.  
 66 *Herman A.*, b. March 3, 1858.  
 67 *Milly F.*, b. Sept. 7, 1861.
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- 14- 44 STEPHEN WHITE m. Phebe Greenfield, Dec. 25, 1842; b. Sept. 5, 1820.
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- 68 *Adelaide H.*, b. Jan. 23, 1844; m., Nov. 8, 1866, N. G. Whittemore; r. Fitchburg; one ch., Frank E., b. March 6, 1870.  
 69 *James M.*, b. Dec. 19, 1845.  
 70 *Clarinda M.*, b. April 2, 1848; d. Sept. 14, 1849, æ. 1 yr., 5 mos.  
 71 *Delia I.*, b. July 14, 1850; m. George Shattuck, Nov. 14, 1872.  
 72 *Clarence E.*, b. Jan. 30, 1855.
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- 14- 46 JOHN MILTON WHITE m. Mary Fitts, of New Ipswich.
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- 73 *Fremont*, b. ——; m. Mary Difley, New Ipswich.  
 74 *Fosie*, b. ——. (75) *Ida*, b. ——.
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- 17- 50 JOHN KELSO WHITE. He settled on his father's place, but upon the decease of both of his parents he re. to Hanover, Ill., where he now resides; m. Mary H. Swan, dau. of James W. Swan, Dec. 19, 1844.
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- 75 *Agnes Jean*, b. Nov. 17, 1845; m. Arthur B. Leighton, Feb. 17, 1864. She d. at Macomb, Ill., Sept 9, 1872; four ch.



76 *Mary Anna*, b. July 31, 1850.

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42- 57 SAMUEL G. WHITE. Is a machinist; m. Nancy Carter, Nov. 15, 1866, b. July 25, 1844.

77 *M. Gertrude*, b. May 2, 1868.  
78 *Nellie C.*, b. May 26, 1870.

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JOHN WHITE. This is another branch of the White family. John White was the brother of Patrick White, and son of John and Elizabeth White, of Lunenburg, where he was b. We do not know the exact date of his emigration to Peterborough, but before 1762, when Jeremiah Gridley and John Hill deeded to John White a lot of land, two hundred and sixty-eight acres, May 5, 1762. We find that he was tithing-man in 1763 and 1776; selectman 1764, '73, and on the Committee of Safety 1777, '79. He began the "White place," so called, now in possession of Nathaniel H. Morison, Esq., as a summer residence. He m., Dec. 9, 1747, Molly Wallace, b. April 3, 1724, dau. William and Elizabeth Wallace, of Lunenburg. She d. May 14, 1800, æ. 78 yrs. He d. Feb. 24, 1796, æ. 77 yrs.

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79 †*John*, b. at Lunenburg, Dec. 13, 1748; m. Elizabeth Smith.

80 *Charles*, b. Feb. 5, 1749; m. Sarah Gray.

81 *William*, b. Nov. 2, 1751; m. Esther Gray.

82 *David*, b. Oct. 22, 1753; re. to Bristol, Vt.; owned the Plato place.

83 *Betsey*, b. July 1, 1755; m. John Burns.

84 *Nancy*, b. 1757; m. Benj. Alld; he d. Nov. 4, 1823, æ. 64 yrs.

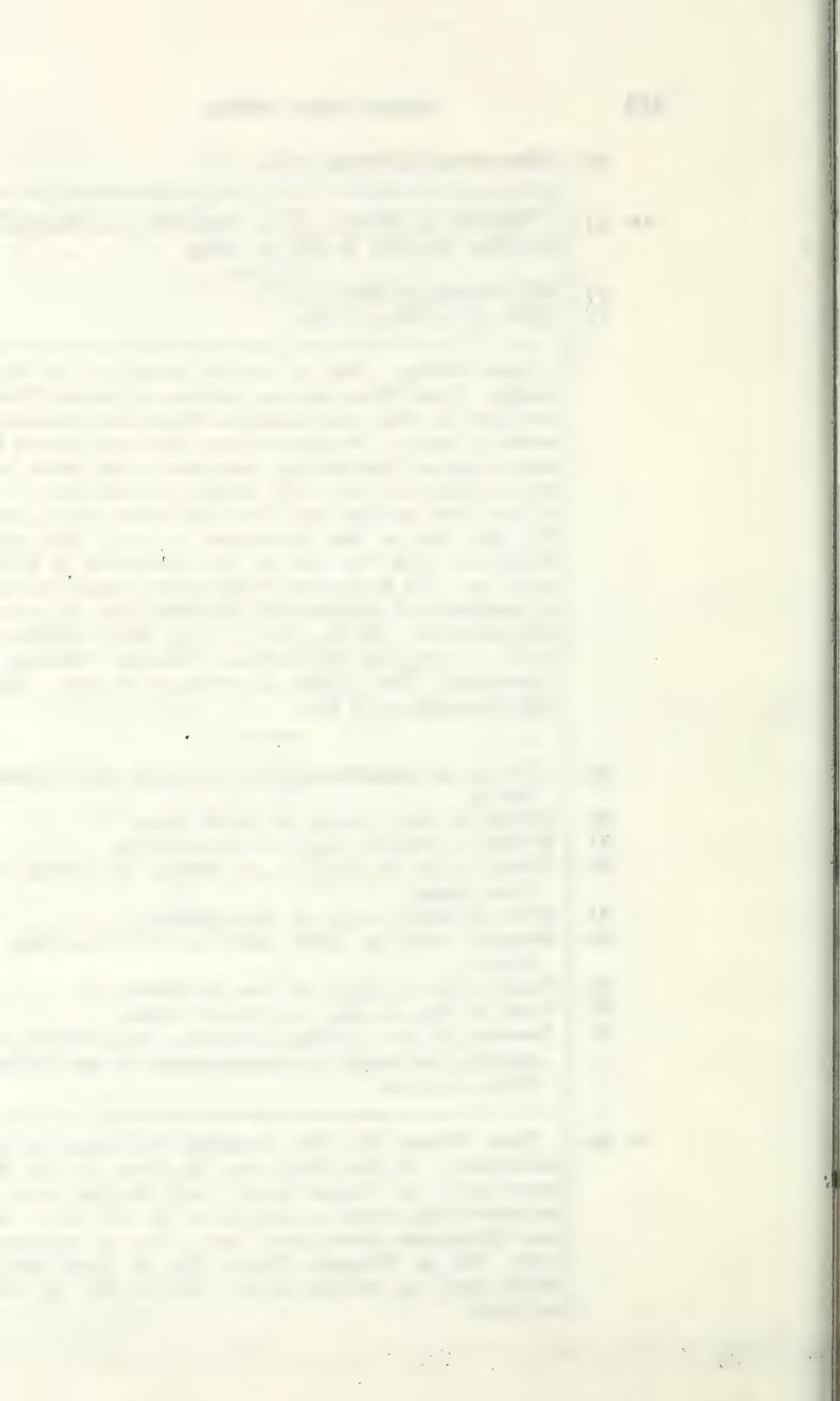
85 *Polly*, b. Nov. 4, 1759; m. —, at Dorset, Vt.

86 *Susan*, b. May 28, 1764; m. David Grimes.

87 *Jonathan*, b. —; studied medicine; was talented and capable, but ruined by intemperance; d. at Carlisle, Penn., in 1812.

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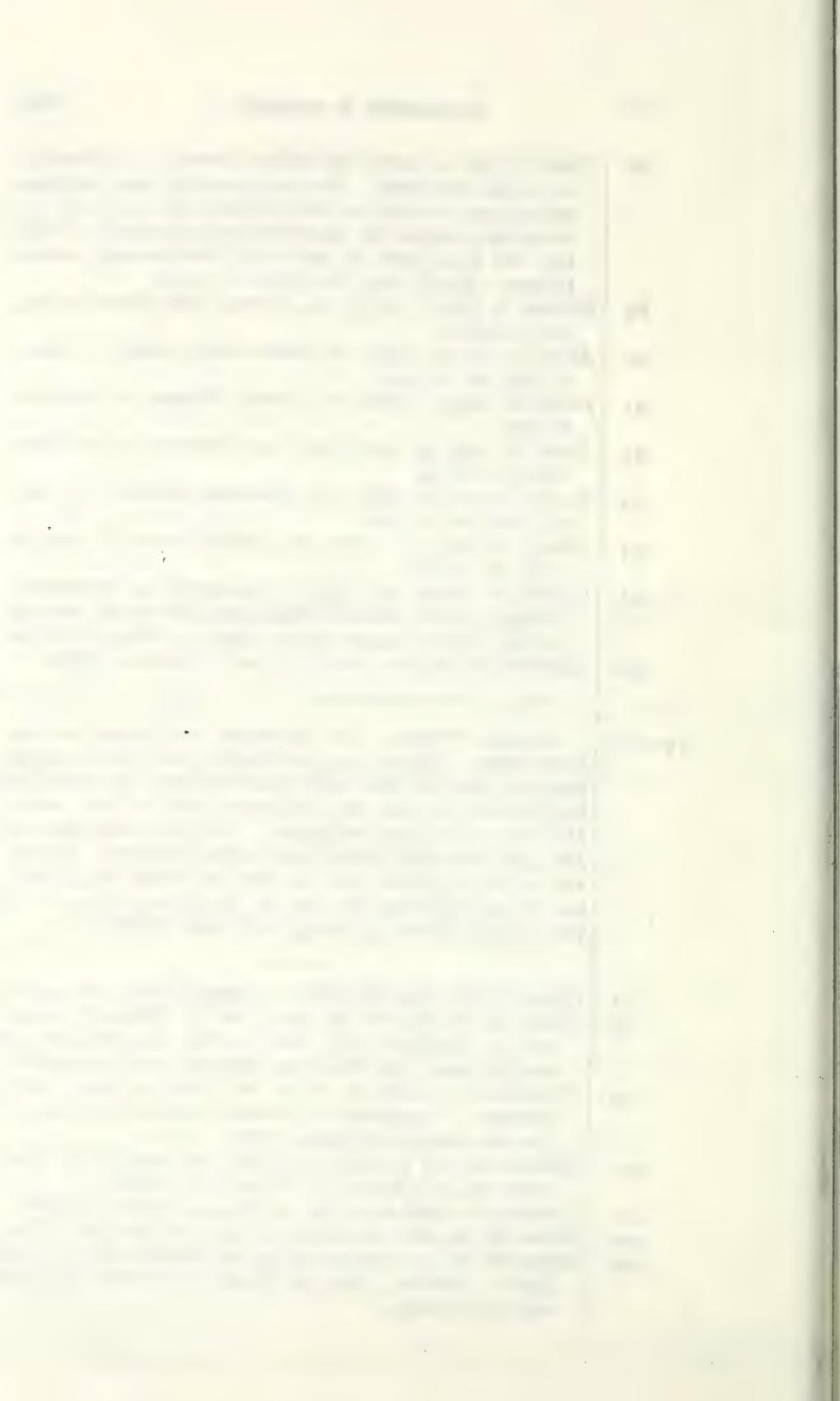
2- 79 JOHN WHITE, Jr. He succeeded his father on the homestead. He first lived over the river on what has been called the "Bruce place," until the last years of his father's life, when he removed to the old farm. He was tithing-man three years, 1777, 1801, '2; selectman 1787. He m. Elizabeth Smith, dau. of John Smith; she d. April 24, 1822, æ. 68 yrs. He d. Jan. 15, 1818, æ. 70 yrs.



- 88 | *John*, b. July 1, 1775; M. Polly Brewer; r. Kentucky; d. on his way home. He was a saddler and harness-maker, and carried on the business till 1809 or '10, when he changed his business, and engaged in building the machinery of the first Peterborough cotton factory. He d. Sept. 10, 1822, æ. 47 yrs.
- 89 | †*Robert*, b. Dec. 6, 1776; m., 1st w., Ruth Burns; 2d w., Sally Ingalls.
- 90 | *Mary*, b. Oct. 4, 1778; m. Jonas Loring, Aug. 11, 1801; d. 1852, æ. 74 yrs.
- 91 | *Betsey*, b. Aug. 7, 1780; m. David Holmes; d. 1846, æ. 66 yrs.
- 92 | *Jesse*, b. Aug. 9, 1782; m. Jenny Robbe; re. to New York; d. 1854.
- 93 | *Sally*, b. April 6, 1787; m. Jonathan Mitchell; d. Jan. 26, 1861, æ. 74 yrs.
- 94 | *Nancy*, b. Aug. 31, 1789; m. David Scott; d. Dec. 6, 1819, æ. 30 yrs.
- 95 | *Charles*, b. Sept. 10, 1795. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1816; went to Mississippi to teach, and d. on his return passage, at sea, Aug. 10, 1817, æ. 22 yrs.
- 96 | *Charlotte*, b. July 20, 1798; d. Jan. 1, 1821, æ. 23 yrs.

79- 89 ROBERT WHITE. He succeeded his father on the home farm. He was a great reader, and could repeat pages of what he had read from memory. In early life he followed the sea, and had seen much of the world. He was entirely self-educated. He was selectman in 1813, and also held some minor offices in town. He m., 1st w., Ruth Burns; she d. Sept. 19, 1836, æ. 53 yrs.; m., 2d w., Sally Ingalls; she d. March 24, 1845, æ. 54 yrs. He d. March 30, 1845, æ. 69 yrs., 2 mos.

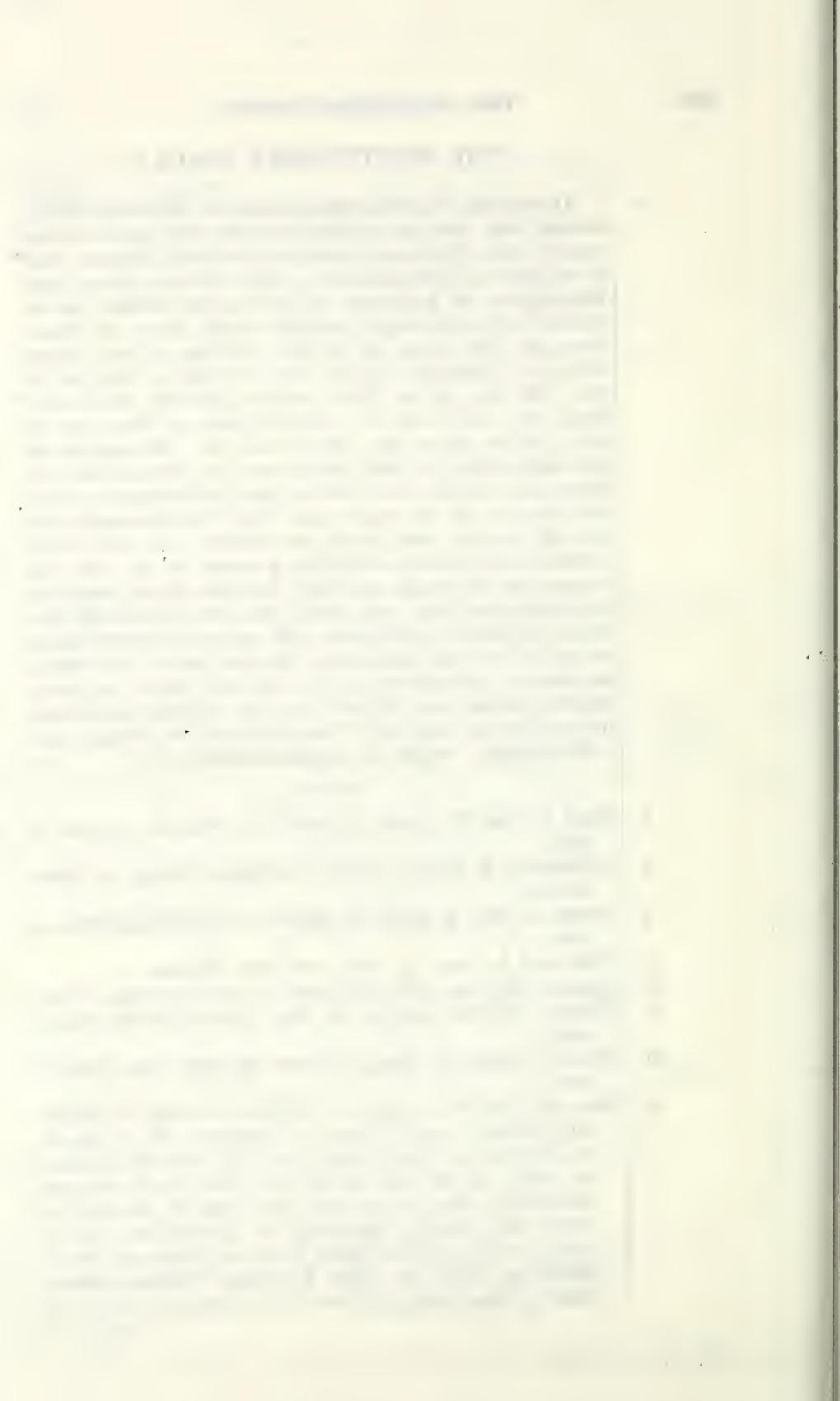
- 97 | *Charles F.*, b. Aug. 18, 1812; d. Sept. 4, 1831, æ. 19 yrs.
- 98 | *Nancy G.*, b. March 12, 1815; m. I. Newton Cunningham; r. Rockford, Ill. He d. Dec. 24, 1865, æ. 59 yrs., 11 mos.; ch., Ella; m. John E. Lakin; one ch.
- 99 | *Joseph A.*, b. June 19, 1817; m., Oct. 11, 1842, Mary Bowers. A graduate of Harvard University, 1840; d. Jan. 20, 1843, æ. 25 yrs., 7 mos.
- 100 | *Harriet*, b. July 11, 1819; m., July 26, 1840, John Spafford; ch., (1) Katie; (2) Alice; (3) Jennie.
- 101 | *Caroline*, b. April 20, 1822; d. Aug. 22, 1824, æ. 2 yrs.
- 102 | *Robert B.*, b. Dec. 20, 1824; d. May 10, 1827, æ. 2 yrs.
- 103 | *Elizabeth B.*, b. June 21, 1827; m., March 25, 1850, A. Catlin Spafford; ch., (1) Beel; (2) Nettie; (3) Jessie; (4) George.

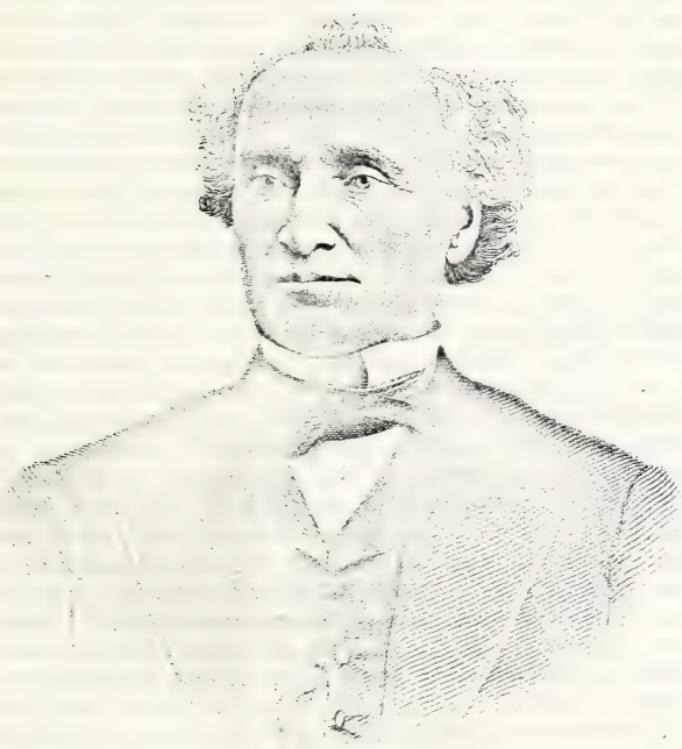


## THE WHITTEMORE FAMILY.

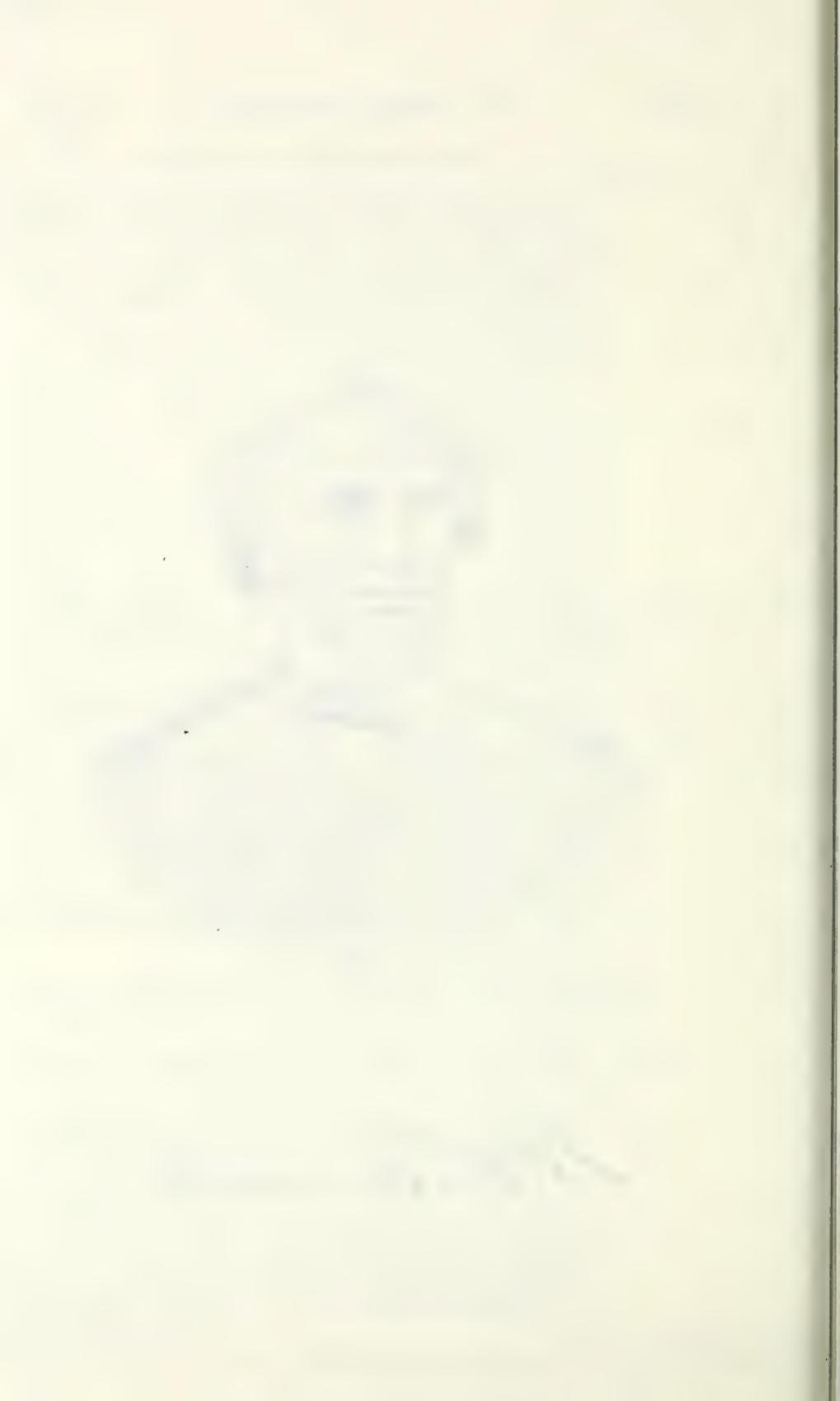
**1** NATHANIEL WHITTEMORE, the son of Nathaniel Whittemore, who was one of five brothers who came to this country from Hitcham, County of Hertford, England, was b. in Spencer, Mass., March 9, 1756. He m., 1st w., Lucy Harrington, at Leicester, a few months before he removed to Peterborough, probably 1778; she d. at Peterborough, July, 1793, æ. 39 yrs. He m., 2d w., Phebe Waite, of Leicester, Mass.; she d. June 3, 1834, æ. 77 yrs. He m., 3d w., Mrs. Joanna Hadley, of Dublin, Sept. 29, 1835; she d. He d. June 9, 1839, æ. 83 yrs.; 1st w., seven ch.; 2d w., four ch. He settled on the spot where he died, which was just beyond the old Alexander Robbe farm, and a short distance east from the junction of the road from West Peterborough with the old county road, as it was called. He here built a house, and subsequently kept a tavern in it. He was a carpenter by trade, and built his own house, which at first comprised but one room, and was afterwards enlarged by several additions. He probably settled there before a road was constructed in that part of the town, as when a proposition for a road was made in town-meeting, some one objected on the ground that it was not needed because only "twa Robbes, twa Hoggs, and a Whatamore" would be accommodated by it.

- 2** *Paul*, b. Dec. 8, 1780; d. April 28, 1834, æ. 53 yrs., 4 mos.
- 3** †*Nathaniel*, b. May 21, 1783; m. Betsey Dodge, of New Boston.
- 4** *James*, b. May 9, 1785; d. March 18, 1816, æ. 30 yrs., 9 mos.
- 5** †*Bernard*, b. Aug. 13, 1787; m. Jane Holmes.
- 6** *Lucy*, b. May 14, 1789; d. June 21, 1789, æ. 1 mo., 7 dys.
- 7** *Thomas*, b. Sept. 3, 1790; d. May 23, 1849, æ. 58 yrs., 8 mos.
- 8** *John*, b. April 17, 1793; d. Dec. 20, 1795; æ. 2 yrs., 8 mos.
- 9** *Lucy*, b. July 22, 1795; m. William Farwell, of Fitchburg, Mass., June 2, 1813; d. Plymouth, N. Y., March 13, 1818, æ. 22 yrs., 7 mos.; ch., (1) *John W.*, b. Dec. 20, 1813; d. at Port au Prince, West India Islands, November, 1835, æ. 22 yrs.; (2) *Lucy W.*, b. April 4, 1816; m. Daniel Spalding, of Templeton, Mass., Jan. 2, 1857; (3) *Nathaniel W.*, b. in Plymouth, N. Y., March 9, 1818; m. Eliza Fletcher, Waltham, Mass., June 5, 1842; ch., (1) *John W.*, b. April 17, 1843; (2)





W.W. Farnell



Mary Eliza, b. Aug. 6, 1845; (3) Evelyn Almena, b. Jan. 23, 1848.

Mr. Nathaniel W. Farwell is among the most worthy and successful sons of Peterborough. The following sketch of his life appeared in the *Transcript* of last year:—

"He has, by his own unaided exertions, raised himself to an enviable position as to wealth and standing in society, and developed the best traits of a true manhood. He began life here a poor boy, living with his grandfather, Nathaniel Whittemore, Sen., where he was kindly cared for as circumstances would admit, but had to endure many privations that his companions knew nothing about, who often shunned him on account of the shabby appearance of his clothes. His opportunities for schooling were very limited, confined almost entirely to the short hours of the district school. Thus in early life constant labor seemed his inheritance, by which, with other circumstances, he was often reminded that he was a poor, friendless orphan. The spirit was in him, even then, to be, some day, the equal of his companions, and even more. After working some years in this town at low wages, he went to Waltham seeking employment, being then twenty-one years of age. He first applied to the superintendent of the factories there for the situation of watchman. He was gruffly repulsed with the reply, 'There is no chance, and probably won't be.' He then hired himself to a milkman in Waltham, to work eighteen hours per day for the summer. While there the superintendent before applied to, who no doubt had heard of him in this situation, sent for him, and employed him for some years as watchman. In this service he was on duty half the day and half the night, and the other half-day he sawed wood as he could find work. He here made a beginning of his fortune. Being requested to go into the bleachery as second-hand, he reluctantly consented, with the condition of having his old place if he did not like. He soon had the entire charge of the bleachery department, and acquired much skill in the art. This was the opening event of his great ultimate success. Subsequently he was engaged to plan and manage the Great Falls Bleachery, of which he and his son are now proprietors; he also planned a bleachery in New Jersey, and the Lewiston Bleachery and Dye Works, of which he was proprietor ten years. He is now largely engaged in cotton manufacture, and is now just starting the 'Farwell Mills,' of twenty thousand spindles, at Lisbon, Me. Always being an energetic man, and with quick perception and ready judgment, his efforts have been crowned with abundant



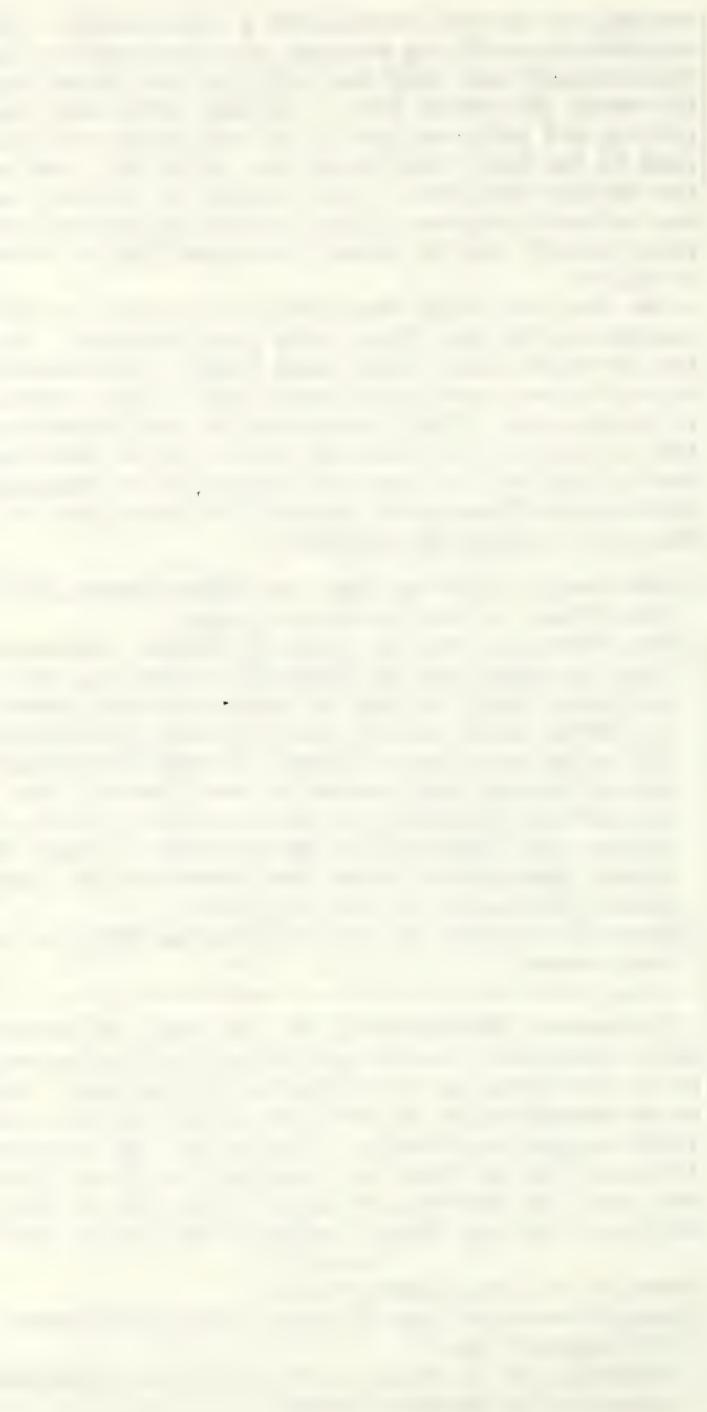
success, and he has accumulated a large fortune. He surpasses in wealth any emigrant that ever went out of Peterborough, and could now with his own means buy up nearly the whole town. Having little taste for politics, and being engaged in his own extensive business, he has rarely been drawn into public life. But at the earnest solicitation of the citizens of Lewiston he was induced to represent the city in the Legislature, and more recently, with an almost unanimous vote, to serve as Mayor."

He does not forget the home of his youth, or the associates of his early days, in his great prosperity. He has at various times contributed largely to benevolent objects in town, and always keeps alive a deep interest in its prosperity. The Unitarian society are indebted to him for a large subscription to their organ, of two hundred dollars, and his large subscription of ten thousand dollars to the Monadnock Railroad did more than anything else to insure its completion.

- 10 *Phebe Read*, b. July 29, 1797; m. Elisha Stetson, Medford, Mass.; d. Oct. 8, 1870, æ. 73 yrs.
- 11 *Eliza Waite*, b. Oct. 10, 1799; m. William Simmons, Aug. 27, 1829; ch., (1) Phebe W., b. Jan. 31, 1822; m. Moses Ward; d. April 13, 1849, æ. 27 yrs., 2 mos.; (2) Betsey D., b. Jan. 23, 1825; d. 1826; (3) William H., b. Jan. 30, 1827; m. Mary J. Durgin, Northwood; she d. Nov. 29, 1863; m., 2d w., —, Feb. 24, 1872; (4) Almira E., b. Nov. 6, 1829; d. Nov. 3, 1848, æ. 19 yrs.; (5) Thirza M., b. Jan. 30, 1832; m. John S. Blake, June 4, 1850; w. of Wm. Simmons d. at Templeton, Mass., Oct. 14, 1871, æ. 72 yrs.
- 12 *Thirza W.*, b. March 5, 1805; d. Dec. 24, 1855, æ. 50 yrs., 8 mos.

1- 3 NATHANIEL WHITTEMORE, Jr. He went to Boston when twenty-one years of age, without any means, and by his own efforts he accumulated a large property. He re. to Peterborough in 1828, where he remained till 1842, engaged in farming. He bought the Charles Davison farm, the same now occupied by Cyrus Frost and son. He next re. to Rome, N.Y. He d. May, 1860, æ. 77 yrs.; m. Betsey Dodge, of New Boston, 1808.

- 13 *John*, b. —; m. Lucretia Glover.
- 14 *James*, b. —; m. Jane S., dau. Thomas Whittemore; d. December, 1860.
- 15 †*Nathaniel, Jr.*, b. April, 1818; m., 1st w., Charlotte Ames; 2d w., Sarah A. Damon.



- 16 *Joseph*, b. — ; m., 1854, 1st w., Margaret C. Fay; 2d w., Katharine Hobby, Utica, N. Y. Educated as a lawyer; was for a time law-partner of James Nye, late Senator of Nevada, then residing in Hamilton, N. Y. He has of late years acquired much reputation as a commercial lawyer. He now resides in Detroit, Mich. Moved there in 1854.
- 17 *Lizzie*, b. — ; m., 1857, Clark Moulthrop; d. 1871.
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1- 5      BERNARD WHITTEMORE. He resided some years in Boston, and afterwards removed to Peterborough, and was engaged in trading. He d. at Nashua, Aug. 8, 1846, æ. 58 yrs., 11 mos. He m. Jane Holmes, dau. of Dea. Nathaniel Holmes, Dec. 25, 1815.

- 18 *Bernard Bemis*, b. in Boston, May 15, 1817. He was fitted for college at Phillips (Exeter) Academy, and graduated at Cambridge, 1839; admitted to Hillsboro County Bar in August, 1842; practised law till November, 1846, when he and his brother, F. P. Whittemore, became proprietors and publishers of the Nashua *Gazette*, and still continue to publish the same under the firm of B. B. & F. P. Whittemore. He was elected to the State Senate, in District No. 7, in 1852 and '53, and elected one of the Aldermen of the city of Nashua in 1860, and City Treasurer of the same city in 1861.
- 19 *Catharine H.*, b. July 12, 1819; m., Oct. 8, 1840, Gen. Israel Hunt; ch., (1) Israel T., M.D., b. Oct. 12, 1842; (2) Frank W., b. April 26, 1849; r. Nashua. Gen. Hunt d. September, 1875.

- 20 *John*, b. Sept. 18, 1821; d.
- 21 *Elouisa C.*, b. Aug. 28, 1822; m., June 8, 1843, David F. McGilvray. He d. at Nashua, Aug. 30, 1871; ch., (1) Alice E., b. Jan. 26, 1845; d. in Boston, Feb. 22, 1869, æ. 24 yrs.; (2) David F., Jr., b. at Palmer, March 8, 1847; d. in infancy; (3) Jacob B., b. Nashua, Aug. 13, 1850; (4) Katharine H. W., b. Boston, May 19, 1855; (5) David F., b. Boston, Oct. 5, 1858; (6) Irene W., b. Boston, May 21, 1863; d. in infancy; (7) Dexter B., b. Boston, July 11, 1867; d. young.
- 22 *Francis P.*, b. Peterborough, March 29, 1825; m., Jan. 27, 1851, Angeline H. Parks, of Palmer; ch., (1) Helen A., b. Nashua, Nov. 5, 1851; (2) Alice P., b. 1853; d. young; (3) Fred Parks, b. Nashua, Oct. 25, 1855.

- 23 *Mary Jane*, b. Peterborough, July 29, 1827.  
24 *Nathaniel H.*, b. Peterborough, Jan. 22, 1830.



25 | *Ann Frances*, b. Peterborough, Aug. 16, 1834; m., Feb. 22, 1864, Bloomfield J. Beach, at Nashua; d. at Rome, N.Y., Oct. 18, 1867, æ. 33 yrs., 2 mos.; one ch., John B., b. at Rome, May 5, 1866.

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3- 15 | NATHANIEL WHITTEMORE, Jr. or 3d, m., 1st w., Charlotte Ames, dau. of T. K. Ames, Esq. She d. June 2, 1850, æ. 32 yrs.; m., 2d w., Sarah A. Damon. He has resided in various places; first at Peterborough, then Boston, Ashby, Rome, N.Y., and Bay City, Mich., where he now lives. He has held for some years the office of Recorder in the Michigan courts; is now an acting justice of the peace; 1st w., five ch.; 2d w., three ch.

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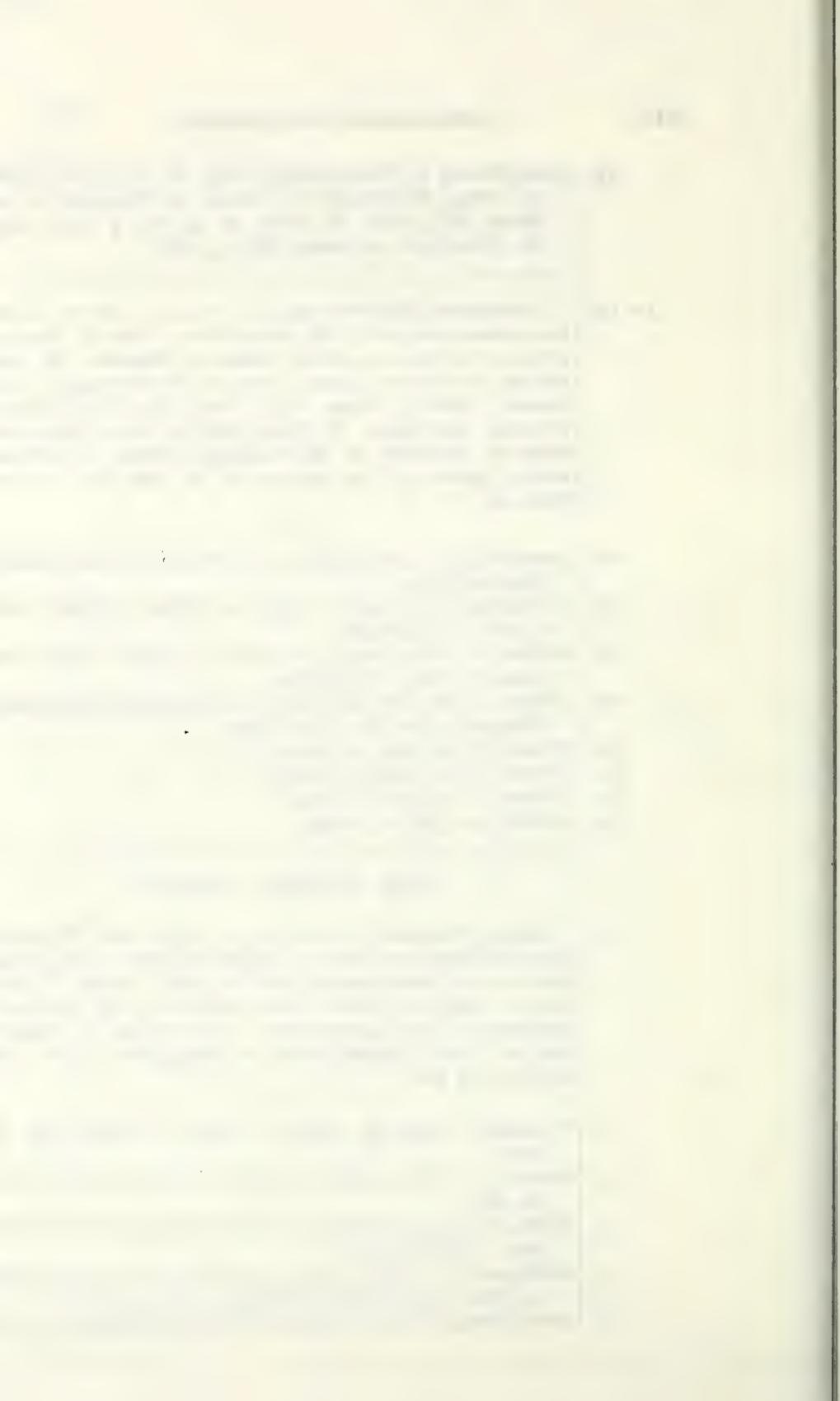
- 26 | *Frances D.*, b. Dec. 9, 1837; m. Frank Johnson, Ashby, April 16, 1855.  
 27 | *Catharine B.*, b. April 7, 1839; m. Alfred Hetfield, Oct. 8, 1873; r. Chicago.  
 28 | *Walter*, b. Feb. 9, 1842; m., Nov. 26, 1866, Sarah Carpenter; r. Bay City, Mich.  
 29 | *Joseph F.*, b. Oct. 26, 1846; m., Jan. 21, 1873, Jenny Hannon; r. in Bay City, Mich.  
 30 | *Charles E.*, b. Dec. 12, 1849.  
 31 | *Francis E.*, b. April 10, 1852.  
 32 | *James H.*, b. May 18, 1859.  
 33 | *Alice R.*, b. July 17, 1869.
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#### THE WILDER FAMILY.

1 | MARK WILDER is the son of Abel and Deborah Perry Wilder, who lived in Dublin till late in life, when they re. to Peterborough, and d. here. Mark Wilder was b. Aug. 15, 1806. He carried on the shoe-peg business in town many years. He m. Eliza A. Thayer, dau. of Elihu Thayer, April 21, 1835; she d. Nov. 28, 1871, æ. 58 yrs.

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- 2 | †*Charles*, b. May 13, 1836; m. Mary E. Jones, Aug. 5, 1860.  
 3 | *George*, b. July 31, 1837; m. Sarah B. Hannaford, April 16, 1862.  
 4 | *Elihu*, b. Sept. 26, 1838; m. Laura Moses, of Portland, Me.; r. Manchester.  
 5 | *William H.*, b. July 7, 1840; m. Frances A. Miller, Aug. 31, 1862; ch., Frances Lillian, b. Jan. 16, 1871.  
 6 | *Ann Maria*, b. Jan. 28, 1842; d. Feb. 14, 1864, æ. 22 yrs.



- 7 | *Mark A.*, b. July 17, 1843; m. Eva S. Ramsey, June 8, 1870; ch., (1) Willie A., b. Feb. 24, 1871; (2) Edwin M., b. Dec. 12, 1872.  
 8 | *Irving*, b. March 13, 1846.  
 9 | *Ellen B.*, b. Feb. 4, 1849.  
 10 | *Abel F.*, b. Oct. 12, 1850; d. Galesburg, Ill., May 29, 1874, æ. 23 yrs., 7 mos.  
 11 | *Eliza F.*, b. Aug. 15, 1852.  
 12 | *John F.*, b. Oct. 15, 1855.
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ABEL WILDER, Jr., brother to the above. He was b. July 27, 1808. He m., Nov. 6, 1845, Amna A. Gowing, b. March 17, 1817.

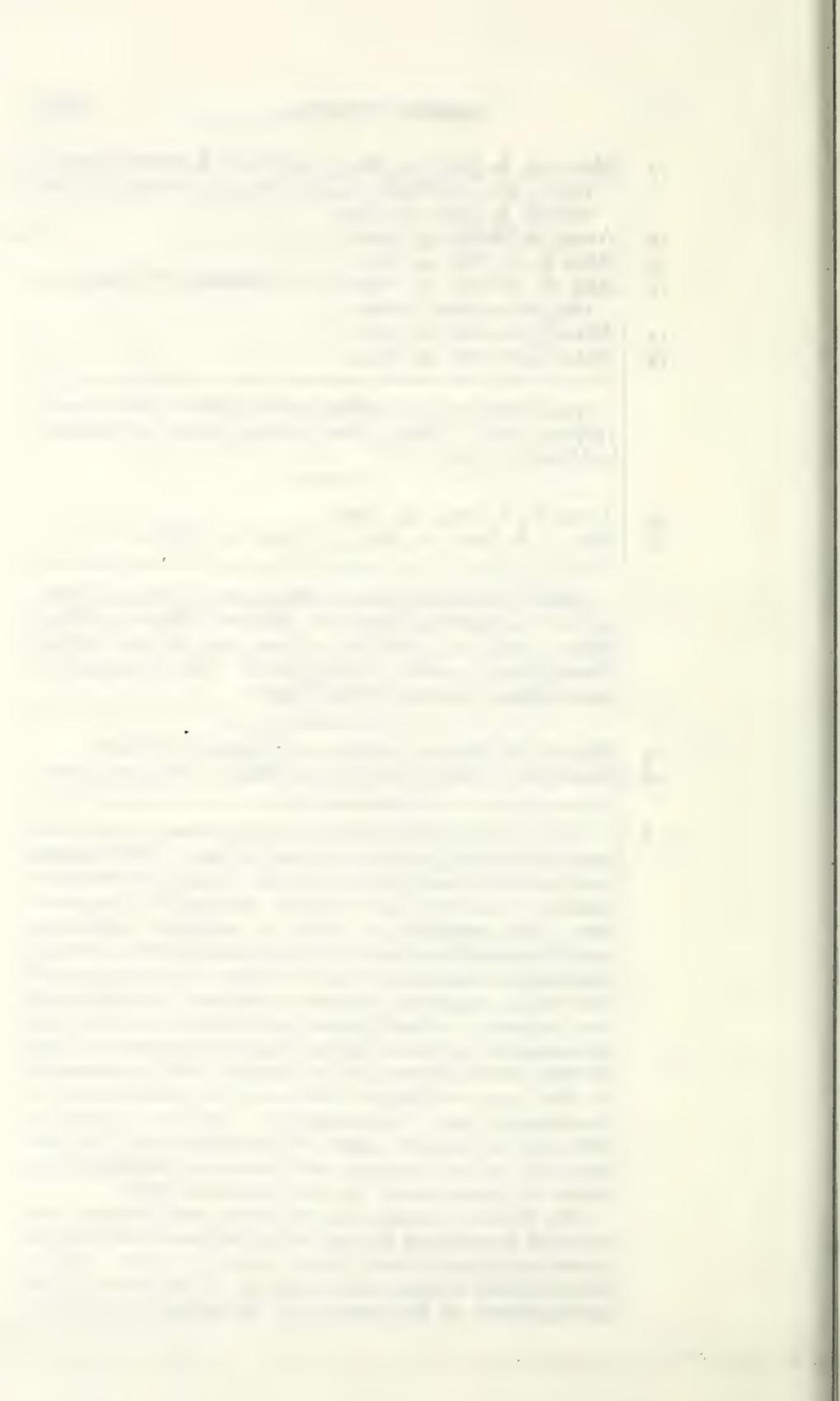
- 13 | *Luena R.*, b. Aug. 15, 1846.  
 14 | *Ella L.*, b. Sept. 16, 1855; d. Sept. 26, 1856, æ. 1 yr.
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JOHN WILDER, a brother of the above, b. Oct. 28, 1822; m., 1st w., Diantha Royce, of Marlow, March 30, 1847. She d. Aug. 29, 1865, æ. 43 yrs.; m., 2d w., Sophia Grant, June 23, 1867; ch. by first w. He is engaged in the clothing business in the village.

- 15 | *Elsie E.*, b. March 4, 1850; m. Timothy N. Hunt.  
 16 | *Frank H.*, b. Sept. 28, 1854; d. May 7, 1855, æ. 7 mos.
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1- 2 CHARLES WILDER obtained his education in the common schools and at the academy in town. He became a very efficient and popular teacher before he went into business, and for a time was the principal of the academy. He intended to obtain a collegiate education and fit himself for the law, but his father's circumstances becoming deranged, he felt it a duty, as the eldest of the family, to give up his own plans and take charge of the business. After following successfully the shoe-peg business for two years, he purchased the property of the North Cotton Factory, and in August, 1860, commenced in the large building of the same the manufacture of barometers and thermometers. He has struggled through the incipient stage of discouragement and uncertainty in his business, and has now established an important manufactory upon a permanent basis.

Mr. Wilder, through his enterprise and energy, has attained an eminent success in his business, and has become an influential and useful citizen in town. He is always found forward and ready in all projects for the advancement of the interests of the town, in all its lit-



erary, moral, and religious aspects, and combines with the *live man* the sincere Christian. He was Representative in 1869, '70; moderator 1869; m., Aug. 5, 1860, Mary E. Jones, of Dublin.

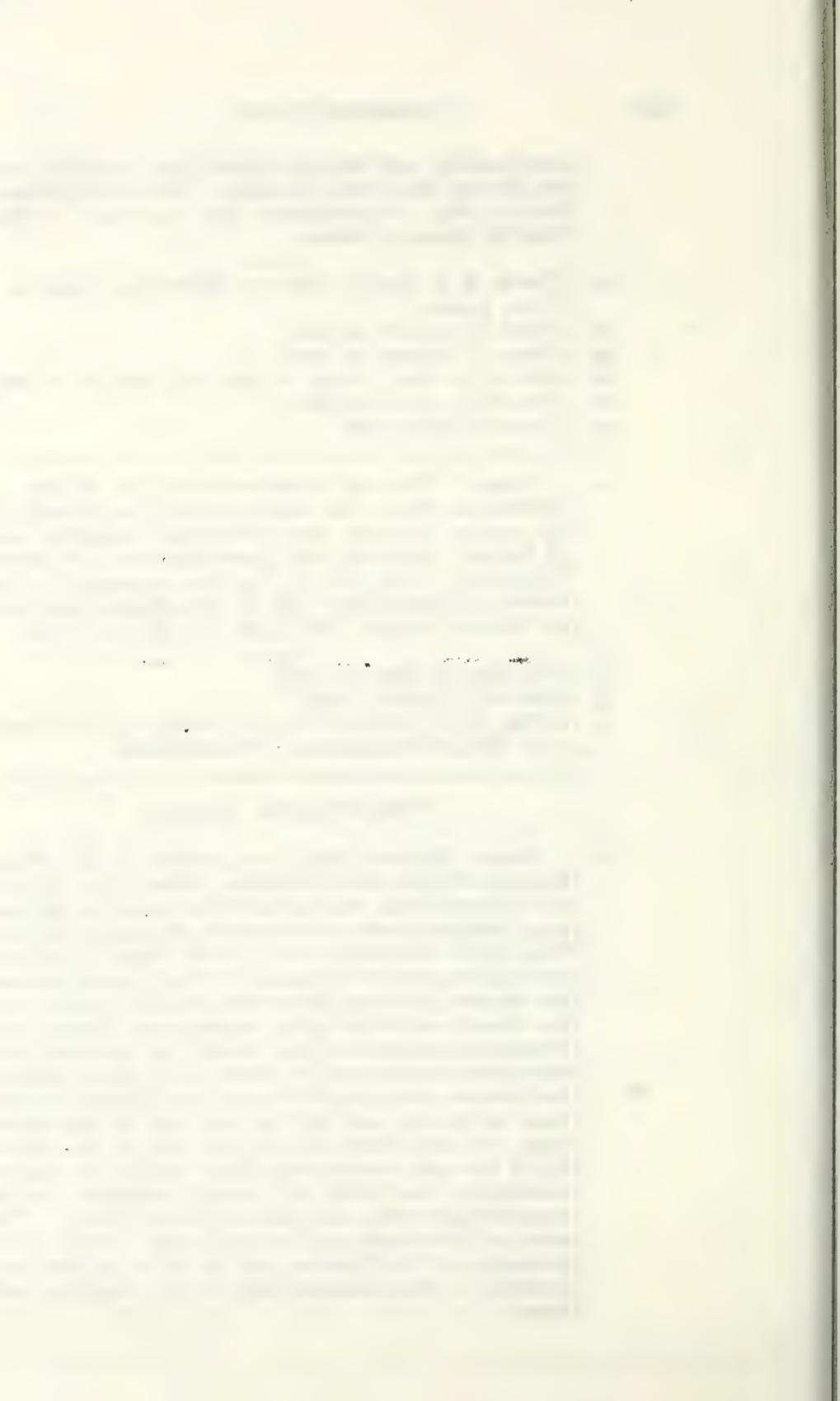
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- 17 *Charles A.*, b. June 1, 1861; d. March 22, 1864, æ. 2 yrs., 9 mos.  
 18 *Frank F.*, b. April 23, 1863.  
 19 *Harry E.*, b. Sept. 19, 1864.  
 20 *Mary A.*, b. Oct. 5, 1869; d. Sept. 24, 1870, æ. 11 mos.  
 21 *John M.*, b. April 29, 1872.  
 22 *Grace*, b. July 7, 1873.
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1 CALEB F. WILDER, a descendant of the Wilders of Leominster, Mass. He came to Peterborough early in life, and m., July 20, 1837, Catharine Templeton, dau. of Samuel Templeton, and granddaughter of Matthew Templeton. They live on the farm occupied by her father and grandfather. He is of a distinct race from the Wilders in town. He d. Jan. 28, 1876, æ. 67 yrs.

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- 2 *Lucy Jane*, b. May 16, 1838.  
 3 *Martha*, b. June 25, 1840.  
 4 *Rodney H.*, b. June 30, 1843; m., March 6, 1873, Laura G. Hill, of Francestown; r. Francestown.
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### THE WILSON FAMILY.

1 ROBERT WILSON (Maj.), the ancestor of the Peterborough Wilsons, born in Tyrone, Ireland, was the son of William Wilson, who came to this country in the year 1737, bringing a wife, one daughter, and his son Robert. They spent the winter of 1737-8 in West Cambridge, and then removed to Townsend. When he had attained his majority, in 1755, there being a call for soldiers for the French war then raging between the English and French, he enlisted and was among the provincial soldiers that accompanied Gen. Wolfe in his daring attempt to climb the precipitous cliffs called the Heights of Abraham, on the day and night of the 12th of September, 1759, and stood there upon the table-land on the morning of the 13th, ready for the fight. He saw his gallant commander, Gen. Wolfe, fall, mortally wounded; but the troops fought it out, and gained a glorious victory. The result of this battle was to deprive the French of the possession of the Canadas, and in fact of all their possessions in the north-east part of the American continent.

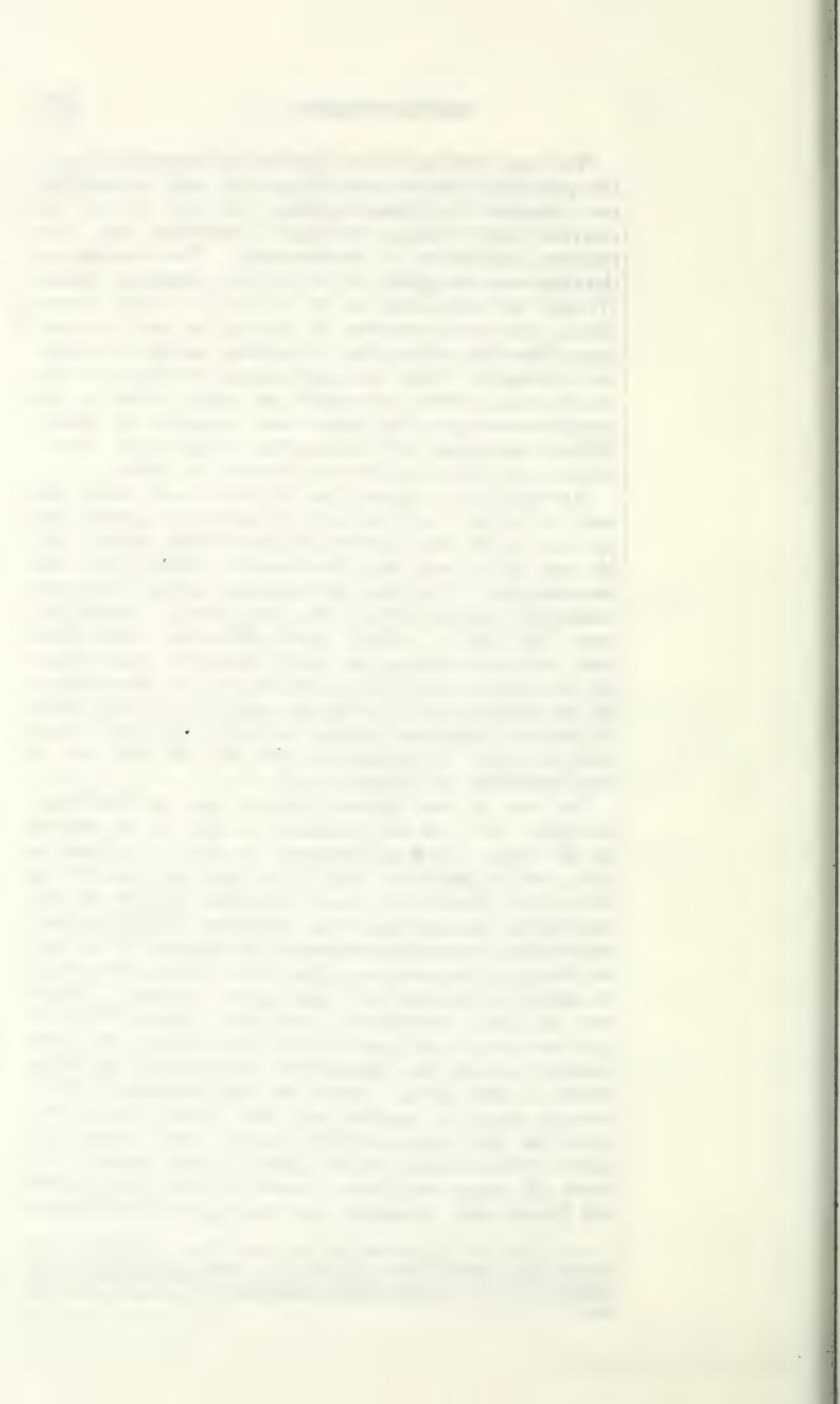


Not long after the fall of Quebec, in September, 1759, the provincial troops were disbanded, and Robert Wilson returned to Massachusetts. In 1761 or '62, he married Mary Hodge, of West Cambridge, and they removed and settled in Peterborough. They resided on the farm now occupied in part by his grandson, James Wilson, on what used to be called the "Main Street Road," and to the business of clearing up and cultivating a farm they added that of keeping tavern to entertain strangers. They occupied a house on the west side of the road, about seventy-five or eighty rods to the south-westward of the house now occupied by James Wilson, and some forty rods north of the brick school-house. An old cellar-hole only marks the place.

He was a stout, strong, and vigorous man, about six feet in height. He was very industrious, careful, and prudent in the management of his worldly affairs. By his own hard work and the superior, skilful care and perseverance of his wife they were successful. They accumulated comparatively, for those times, a large fortune. He had a pitifully poor education. He could read and write a little, but quite clumsily. His means for an education had been very limited; but nevertheless by his experience in life he was qualified to hold some of the most important offices in town. He was selectman in 1765, '71, treasurer 1786, '87, '88, and one of the Committee of Safety in 1776.

He was a true patriot through the Revolutionary struggle. He was early elected to office in the militia in the town. He was lieutenant in 1771, a captain in 1775, and a major in 1777.\* On the night preceding the 19th of April, 1775, the alarm came to town of the aggressive movements of the British at Lexington, and immediate preparation was made to respond to it, and on the 19th the company under Capt. Wilson were ready to march to Concord and Lexington by noon. "There was no little amusement" (says Gen. James Wilson, a grandson, to whom I am indebted for all the facts here stated) "among the men at the character of the arms some of them bore. Some few had fire-arms, with a meagre supply of powder and ball; some of the arms were the old, heavy, clumsy Queen's arms; some were light French pieces, called fusées. They probably almost all came out from Canada at the close of the old French war. Some of the men had pitchforks, some

\* It is given above as represented by Gen. James Wilson in his account of his ancestor, Maj. Robert Wilson. The news of the aggressive movements of the British troops could not have reached Peterborough till sometime during the day of the 19th of April. It only reached Concord, Mass., at 3 o'clock A. M. of that day.

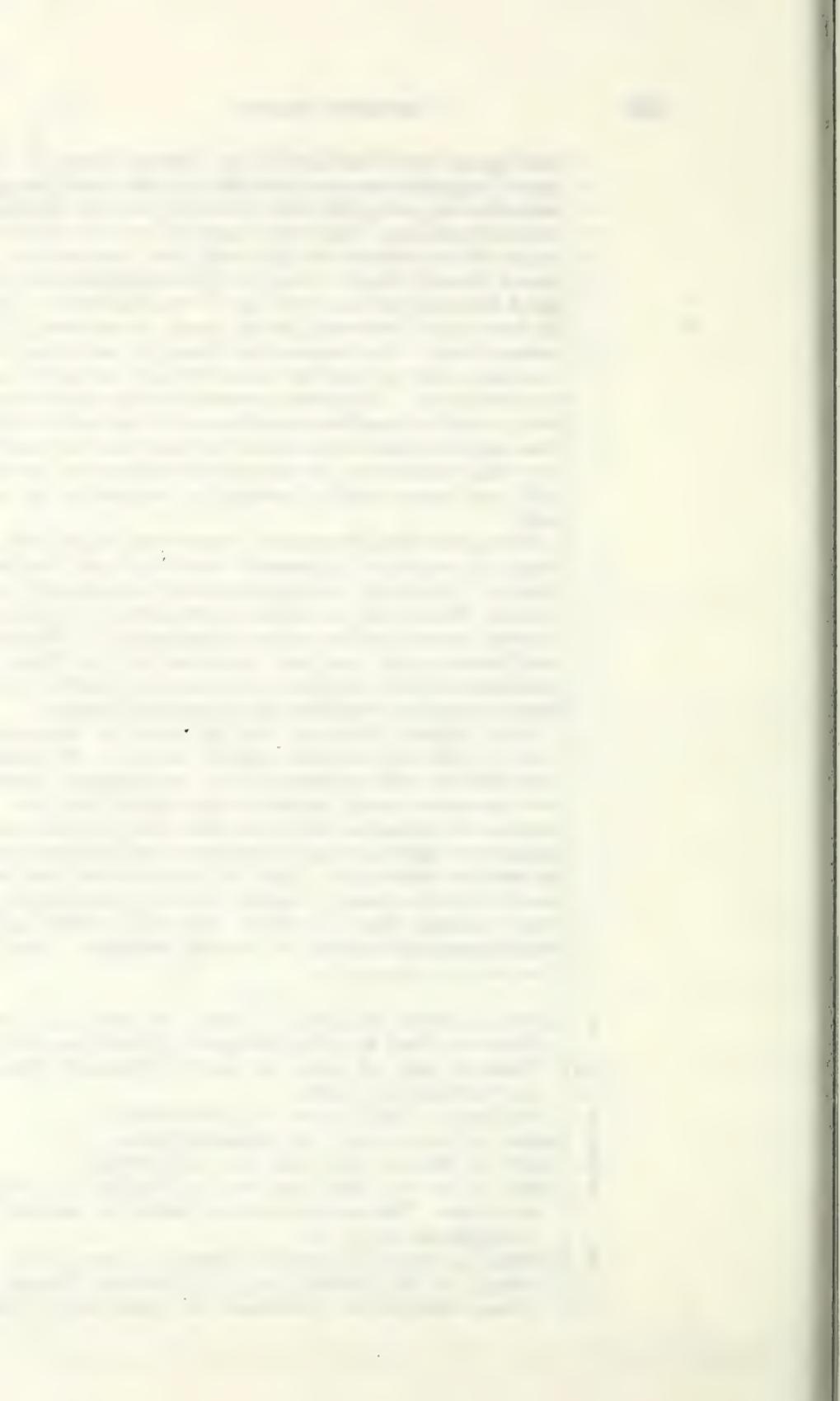


had good, stout shillalahs; but among them all the most laughable was one Tom McCoy, who had brought with him his *grain-flail*, with which to give the British a literal thrashing. The men laughed and joked for the oddity of his weapon to fight with, but Tom replied in broad Scotch, 'Gath, I vow, I'll gie a Britisher a devlish good lick o'er the head, an I get in reach of him.' They all knew that Tom would be as good as his word, if it came to trial. The foremost of them got as far as Groton, when they learned the result of the Lexington and Concord fight. They were ordered back to their homes, but to hold themselves in readiness for any further calls that might be made upon them. In less than two months they were ordered to join the patriotic citizens at Bunker Hill, and were equally prompt in responding to the call."

When the New Hampshire troops were called out to repel the invasion by powerful armies on our Northern frontier, Gen. Stark was appointed to the command, and Robert Wilson was a Major in his division of militia. He was present at the various engagements of Bennington, Saratoga, etc., and was appointed by Gen. Stark to command a guard detailed to escort six hundred Hessian prisoners of war from Bennington to Boston.

Maj. Robert Wilson d. on the 25th of December, 1790, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. His death was sudden, and occasioned by a strangulated hernia. An operation would probably have saved him, but no surgeon of competent skill was near, and he d., as thousands have before, from the ignorance and incompetency of medical attendants. Mrs. Wilson survived her husband thirty-five years. She m., 2d hus., Enos Knight, of New Ipswich, Sept. 16, 1803. She was a widow again many years, and resided at the old residence. She d. Dec. 22, 1825, æ. 90 yrs.

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- 2 *Anne*, b. March 28, 1764; d. Aug. 16, 1771, æ. 7 yrs.  
She was killed by a log falling off a fence upon her.
- 3 †*James*, b. Aug. 16, 1766; m., 1st w., Elizabeth Steele; 2d w., Elizabeth Little.
- 4 †*William*, b. Feb. 8, 1770; m. Dotia Smith.
- 5 *Anne*, b. May 3, 1768; m. Jeremiah Swan.
- 6 *Mary*, b. May 21, 1775; m. Gen. John Steele.
- 7 *John*, b. Jan. 10, 1772; m. ——; d. Belfast, Me., 1848, æ. 76 yrs. He was an eminent lawyer; a member of Congress in 1813, '14.
- 8 *Sarah*, b. 1777; m. Joseph Haynes Johnson, Nov. 6, 1803; d. in Illinois; ch., (1) Lucretia Knapp, b. 1804; educated at Cincinnati; m. John Scott Harri-



son, son of President Harrison ; d. 1829, æ. 25 yrs. ; (2) Susette Grafton, b. 1808 ; m. Josiah C. Smith ; r. Mississippi. She d. 1830. (3) Joseph Haynes, b. Feb. 29, 1812 ; spent his early life in Montreal ; went to the mines in California ; made extensive travels, and returned to Lacon, Ill., where he now resides ; (4) Mary Wilson, b. Jan. 8, 1811 ; m. Rev. Wm. N. Stinson. She d. at Amity, Ia. ; (5) Caroline A. ; m. Robert Brown ; d. — ; (6) Charlotte Ann, b. July 4, 1817 ; m. Hugh T. Reed, a lawyer. She d. 1841 ; c. ; (7) James Wilson, b. 1819 ; was a mechanic and natural inventor ; d. of cholera, 1849 ; (8) Elizabeth Sarah ; educated at Keene, N. H. ; m. John T. Fisk, of Kentucky, who has since become an eminent lawyer. He was Lieut.-Governor of Kentucky during the rebellion, and a loyal man during the civil war.

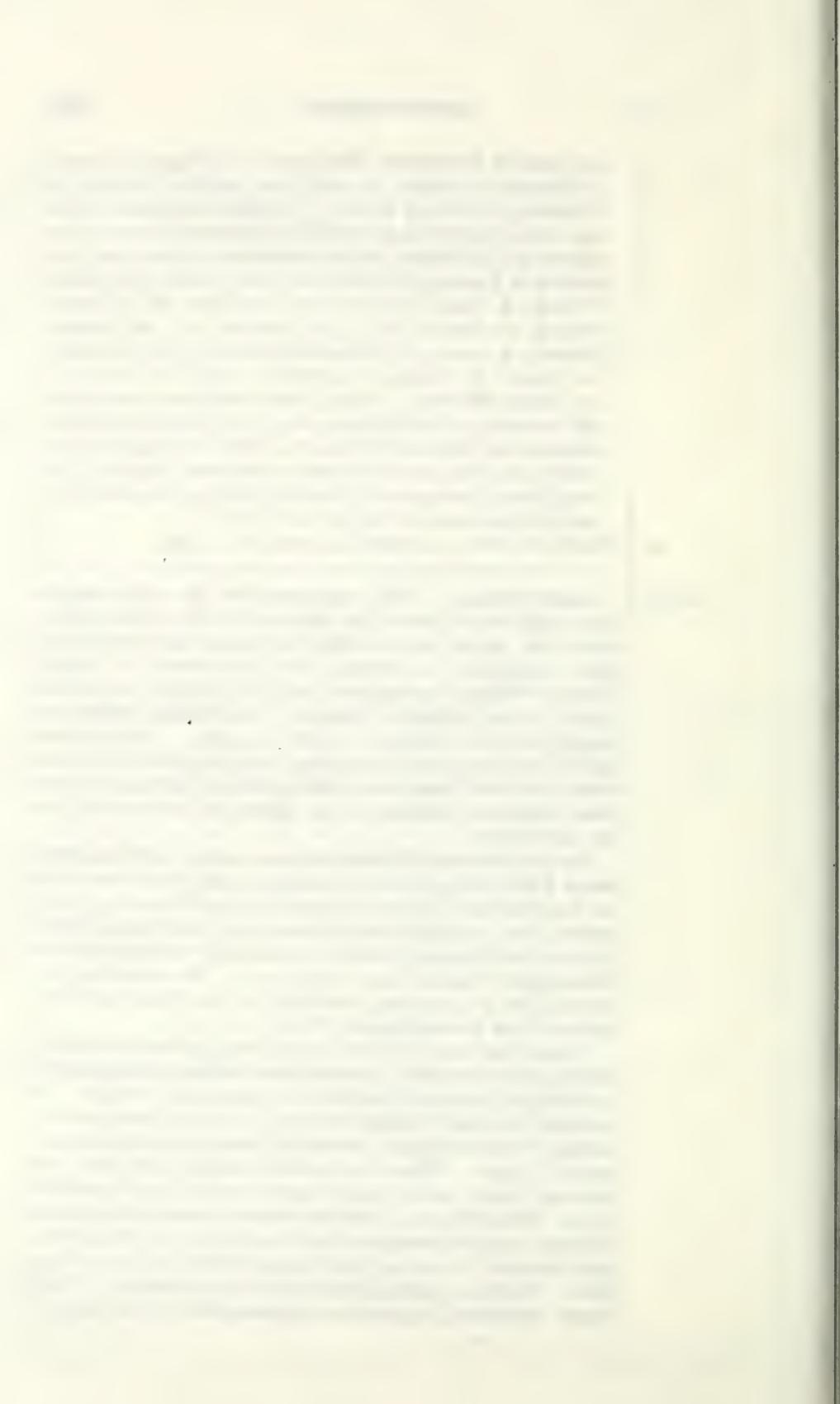
9 *Joseph*, b. 1780 ; d. April 24, 1794, æ. 13 yrs.

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JAMES WILSON. His opportunities for early education were very limited in that early day in the town, when the people were obliged to make the most energetic exertions to secure for themselves a living. Young Wilson remembered very distinctly the alarm given at his father's house of the British attack on Lexington and Concord, April 19, 1775. He remembered also the great stir among the people of the town when the brave men were taking their departure to join their patriotic brethren in the battle of Bunker Hill, of the same year.

On his eleventh birthday he was aiding and assisting some Peterborough men in driving cattle from the town to Bennington, for the support of Stark's army. His father, then a Major, and almost every able-bodied man in town were among Stark's troops, and took part in the Bennington battle, Aug. 16, 1777. He remained at home with his parents, working on the farm, until the close of the Revolutionary War.

About the year 1782 or '83, he was, by the persevering efforts of his mother, as mentioned before, allowed to go to Phillips (Andover) Academy to prepare for college. He entered Harvard College in 1785. He was then a stout, strong, well-developed, muscular young man of nineteen years of age. When he entered college, he was the stoutest, most skilful, and best wrestler in the institution. Wrestling was then the test of championship, and Wilson took the badge for this feat in his Freshman year, and retained it during the whole period of his college life. There is good authority for this statement. Sixty years afterward, upon the introduction of his son, J.



Wilson, Jr., to the late Hon. John Quincy Adams, he said, when ascertaining his parentage, "Your father was the best wrestler in college."

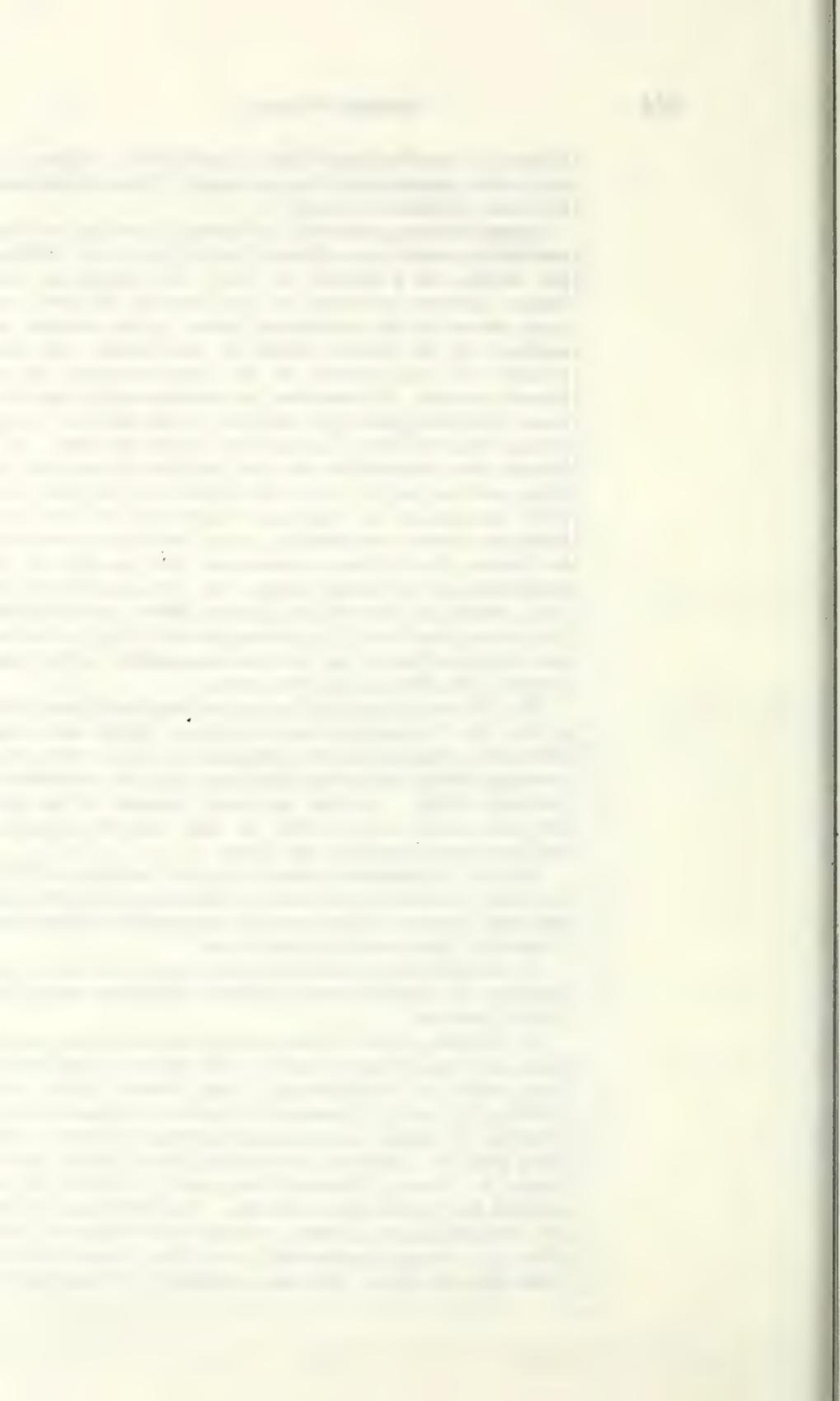
James Wilson graduated at Harvard in 1789, and immediately entered the office of Judge Lincoln, of Worcester, Mass., as a student of law. He remained with Judge Lincoln, pursuing his law studies, till Dec. 25, 1790, when he was summoned home by his mother, on account of the sudden death of his father. He was united with his mother in the administration of his father's estate. He remained in Peterborough from that time, completing his legal studies in the office of Judge Smith, who was then a practising lawyer in town. Mr. Wilson was admitted to the bar in New Hampshire, in 1792, and as Judge Smith was elected to Congress from New Hampshire in 1791, and continued to hold that office for several succeeding years, and finally removed to Exeter, Mr. Wilson commenced the practice of his profession in his native town. He remained there till 1815, when he removed to Keene, where he continued the active practice of his profession until 1823, when his son was admitted to the bar, and succeeded to the business of the office and in the courts.

Mr. Wilson was a good lawyer, understood the science of the law thoroughly, was a man of quick and clear perception, vigilant in the preparation of his cases, and managed them, before the court and the jury, with distinguished ability. In that particular branch of the professional duties of a lawyer he had but few superiors and not many equals in the State.

He had an extensive practice in the Counties of Hillsboro and Cheshire, attending all the courts of both counties, and was retained as council, on one side or the other, in most of the cases that were tried.

In addition to his business in the courts, he did a large business in justice courts, in both Hillsboro and Cheshire Counties.

Mr. Wilson, while in the active practice of his profession, had many young men in his office as students of law; while at Peterborough, Gen. James Miller, John Wilson, D. Smiley, Thomas F. Goodhue, Zacheus Porter, Stephen P. Steele, David Scott, Charles J. Stuart, Matthew Perkins. After he removed to Keene, David Steele, Amos A. Parker, Amasa Edes, and J. Wilson, Jr.; all studied their profession with him. He held many offices of trust and honor in town,—moderator five years, from 1800 to 1814; representative to the General Court, from 1803 to 1815. He was a member of Congress for



the Hillsboro District, from 1809 to 1811, the first two years of President Madison's administration.

Mr. Wilson was all his life an out-and-out, old-fashioned Federalist of the old school. The delegation from New Hampshire to the Eleventh Congress was unanimously of the Federal party. It was changed in the next Congress, and Mr. Wilson was not in public office afterwards.

He m., 1st w., Elizabeth Steele, 1792, dau. Capt. David and Janet Little Steele; she d. Nov. 4, 1806. He m., 2d w., Elizabeth Little, dau. Wallis Little, Esq., of Shirley, Mass., in November, 1810; she d. at Keene, Sept. 30, 1830. Mr. Wilson was a good citizen, a kind, generous, noble-hearted man, a grateful, dutiful son, a good husband and a sympathetic parent, very kind to his children and to all his friends. He was industrious, just, and vigilant in all matters of business, and died universally respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He d. at Keene, the 4th of January, 1839, æ. 73 yrs.; 1st w., two ch.; 2d w., three ch.

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- 10 *Charlotte*, b. May, 1794; d. March 26, 1796; æ. 1 yr., 10 mos.  
 11 †*James, Jr.*, b. March 18, 1797; m. Mary L. Richardson.  
 12 *Robert*, b. Sept. 24, 1811; m. ——; c.; d. at Keene, April 8, 1870, æ. 58 yrs., 6 mos.  
 13 *Elizabeth Jane*, b. September, 1815; m. William G. Hunter; c.  
 14 *Sarah M. A.*, b. 1819; m. Col. Frank Lee, of Boston.
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1- 4 WILLIAM WILSON. He kept a public house, situated on the east side of the Street Road, a short distance north of his father's residence, which was much patronized in the early part of the century. All the assemblies and balls in town for many years were held at his house, and most of the public meetings. There were no accommodations for this purpose elsewhere. He lived in town all his long life, but ceased to entertain travellers many years before his decease. He m. Dotia Smith, of Hadley, Mass., b. Sept. 16, 1783, and d. Sept. 12, 1871, æ. 88 yrs. He d. July 6, 1860, æ. 90 yrs.

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- 15 *Mary*, b. June 22, 1807; d. Sept. 11, 1825, æ. 18 yrs.  
 16 *Eunice*, b. Dec. 1, 1808; m. William Gibbon, Marlboro, Mass., Feb. 12, 1835; three ch. living.  
 17 *Joseph*, b. Sept. 1, 1810; d. June 11, 1812, æ. 16 mos.  
 18 *William*, b. May 28, 1812; d. Jan. 16, 1814, æ. 19 mos.  
 19 *Sarah Ann*, b. May 18, 1814; m. James Scott, Esq.  
 20 *James*, b. Feb. 11, 1816; m. Sybil Stone, May 15, 1845.



- 21 | *Charlotte G.*, b. Oct. 24, 1818; m., May 3, 1848, James Jackson; r. Cazenovia, N. Y.  
 22 | *Harriet H.*, b. July 26, 1821; d. Aug. 13, 1821, æ. 18 dys.  
 23 | *Jane Gregg*, b. March 14, 1823; d. Aug. 12, 1851, æ. 28 yrs.  
 24 | *John*, b. 1826; d. April 9, 1828, æ. 2 yrs.  
 25 | †*George W.*, b. July 7, 1828; m., 1st w., H. Maria Smiley; 2d w., Katie M. Grimes.
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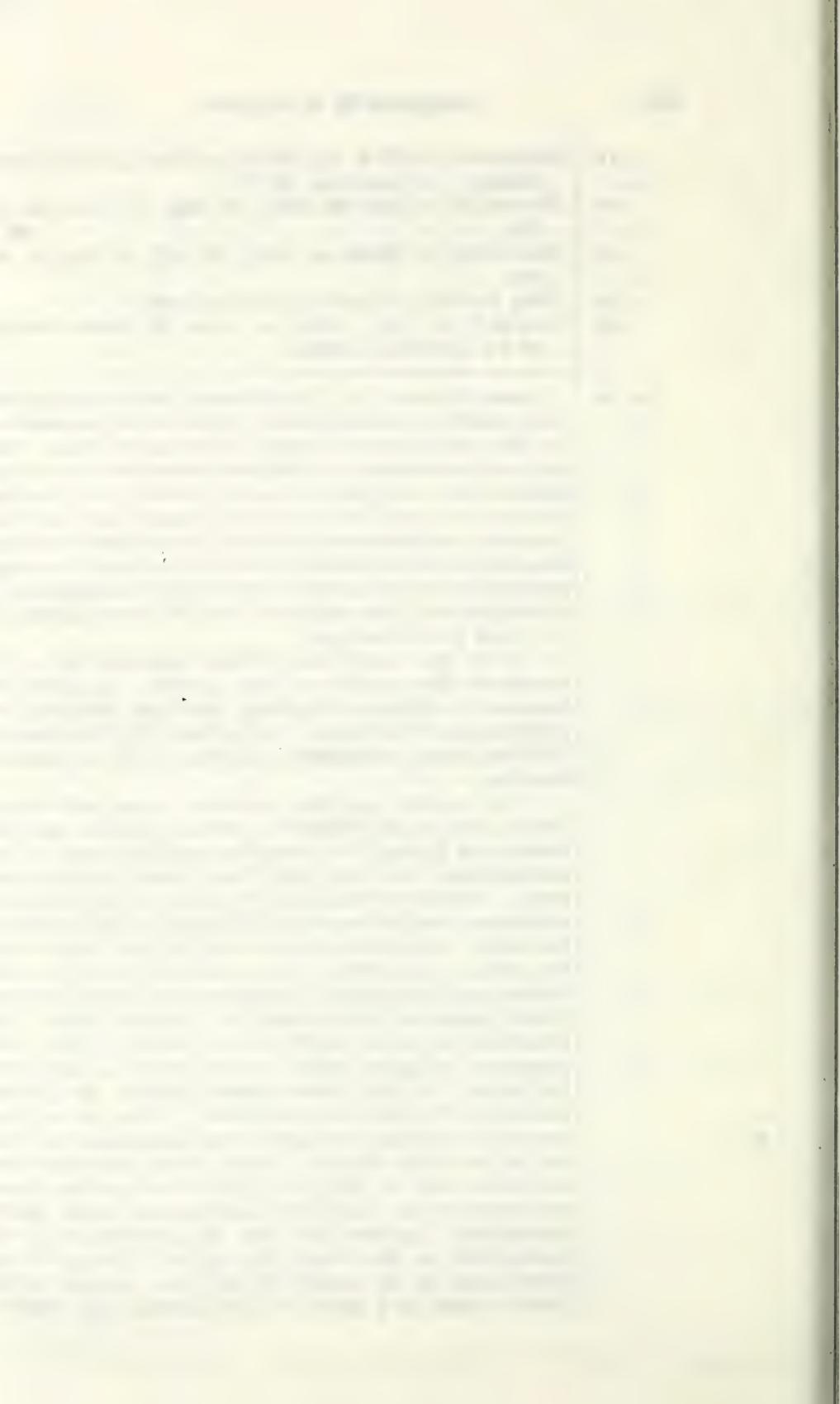
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JAMES WILSON, Jr. The following autobiography has been kindly furnished by Gen. Wilson at my request:—

“His early life was passed in his native town, with only such educational privileges as were there to be had, which at that early day were very limited. His mother became an invalid when her son James was only two years old, and remained so during the remainder of her life, thus depriving him of that kind, maternal care and attention so indispensable to the proper development of a young mind. She departed this life when he was in the ninth year of his age.

“In the year 1807, young Wilson was sent for a few months to the academy at New Ipswich. In 1808, he was sent to Atkinson Academy, where he remained for some three or four years. In the year 1813, he attended Phillips (Exeter) Academy, at Exeter, N. H., for some six months.

“Our country was then involved in war with Great Britain, and young Wilson at sixteen years of age was desirous of joining the American army, as some of his acquaintance but little older than himself already had done. His father would not give his consent to his son's enlistment, and he was not old enough to be subject to the draft. Disappointed and vexed at being deprived of the privilege of entering upon a military career, he left Exeter, and returning to his native town went into the North Factory at Peterborough as a common hand. He continued to work in the cotton factory during the autumn of 1813, the whole of the year 1814, and until the spring of 1815, when peace between the United States and England was proclaimed. That put an end not only to the war, but also to the manufacture of cotton at the North Factory. When peace between those countries came, in 1815, the price of cotton advanced, and the price of American manufactured cotton goods immediately declined, so that the proprietors of the factory had to shut down their gates. Young Wilson went home in the spring of 1815, and worked on his father's farm as a common farm-laborer. He worked



during the following summer. In the autumn of that year, as his father was about removing to Keene, the son, having '*no whither else to go*,' picked up his books and went back to his studies.

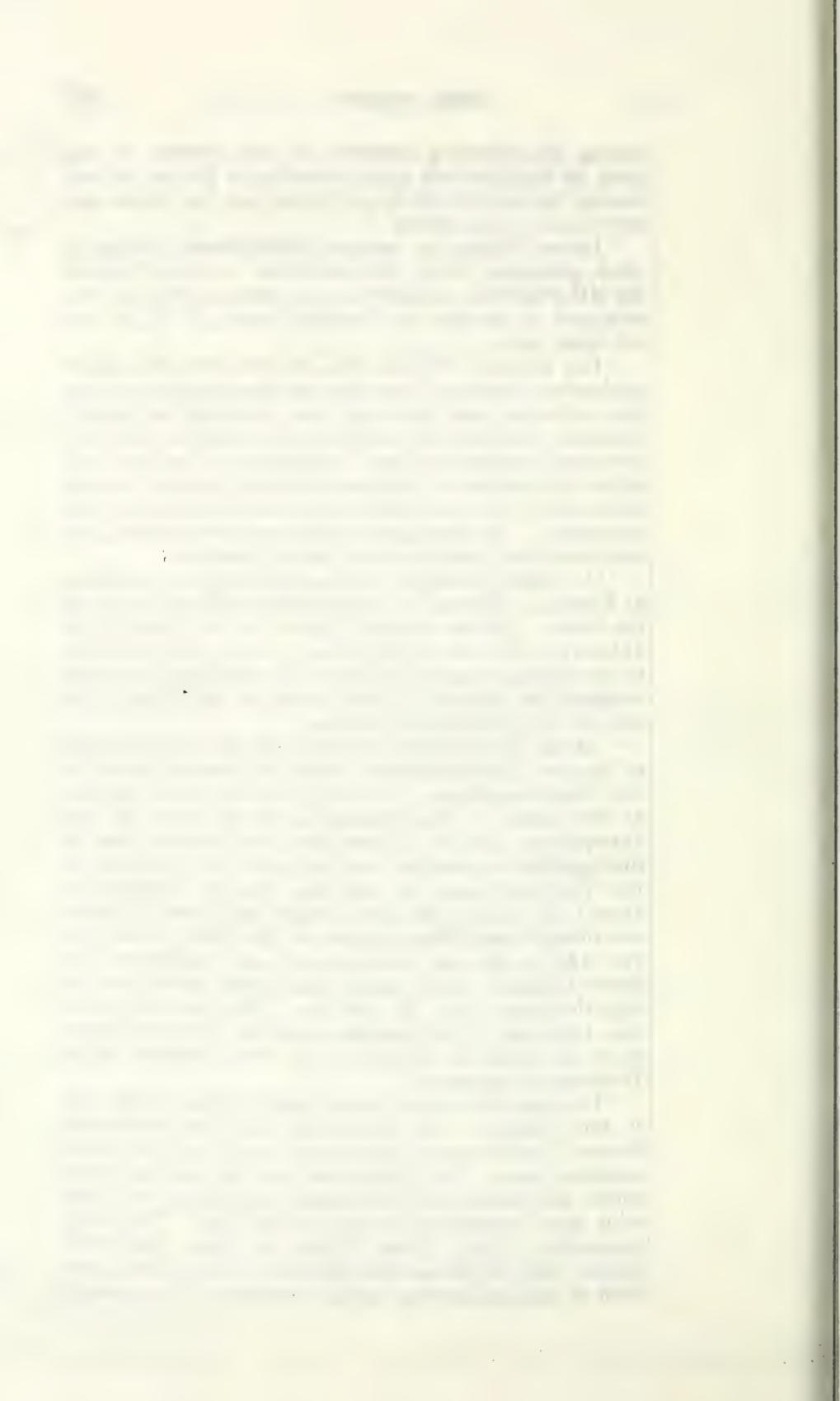
"James Wilson, Jr., entered Middlebury College in 1816, graduated from that institution in 1820, entered his father's office at Keene as a student at law, and was admitted to the bar in Cheshire County, N. H., at the fall term, 1823.

"His father, J. Wilson, Sen., retired from the active professional duties of his office on the admission of his son to the bar, and the young man, attaining his father's business, continued to practise law in Cheshire and Sullivan and Grafton and Coos Counties, until the year 1836, when by a stroke of paralysis his father became unable to attend to his own private affairs, and required his son's assistance. He then gave up the northern counties, but continued the practice of the law in Cheshire.

"On leaving college in 1820, and fixing his residence at Keene, J. Wilson, Jr., entered the military service of the State. He was elected Captain of the Keene Light Infantry on the 1st day of January, 1821, and continued in the militia, constantly doing duty, until 1839, when he resigned the office of Major-General of the Third Division of New Hampshire Militia.

"At the March election in 1825, he was chosen as one of the two Representatives from the town of Keene to the State Legislature. In 1828, he was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire. In that House there were several men of distinguished reputation and of prominent standing in the Whig party, such as the Hon. Ezekiel Webster, the Hon. B. M. Farley, the Hon. Joseph Bell, Hon. P. Noyes, and others from different parts of the State. From the year 1825 to the year 1840 inclusive, he represented the town of Keene in the State Legislature, every year except the years 1833, '38, and '39. The last two years, *viz.*, 1838 and '39, he was the candidate of the Whig party in the State for Governor, but was defeated by his Democratic opponent.

"The year 1840 was a year of great political awakening in this country. The Democratic party had nominated Martin Van Buren as President of the United States for a second term. The Whigs went into the political battle under the banner of 'Tippecanoe and Tyler too,' 'and with them' determined to 'beat little Van.' The Whigs succeeded. Gen. James Wilson, of New Hampshire ('Long Jim,' as he was then familiarly called), did a good deal of political service in that campaign. He stumped



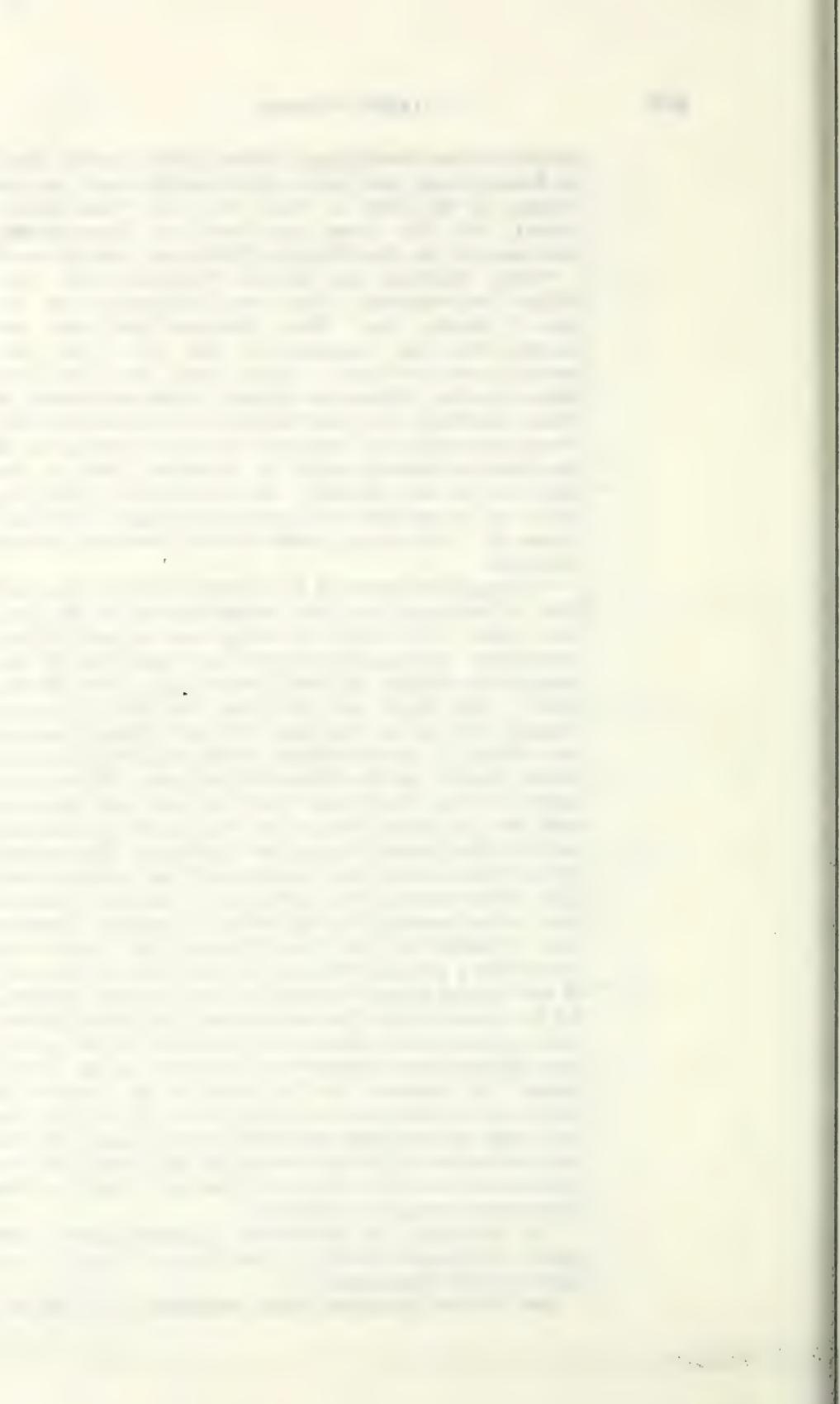
almost all the New England States, spoke several times in Pennsylvania, and gave a whole month's work, on the stump, in the State of New York (Mr. Van Buren's State). Mr. Van Buren lost New York, Pennsylvania, and most of the New England States, and was defeated.

"Gen. Harrison was elected President, and John Tyler Vice-President. They were inaugurated on the 4th of March, 1841. Gen. Harrison lived only one month after his inauguration, and Mr. Tyler succeeded to the presidency. About June, 1841, Mr. Tyler offered to Gen. Wilson the office of Surveyor-General of Public Lands in the then Territories of Wisconsin and Iowa, which office he accepted, and took possession of the Surveyor-General's office, at Dubuque, Iowa, in the early part of the summer. He continued to hold that office and to perform its duties for four years. In 1845, James K. Polk having been elected President, he was removed.

"In 1846, the voters of the town of Keene returned Gen. Wilson again, as their representative, to the General Court. That year the Whigs and a party styling themselves 'Independent Democrats' succeeded in defeating the regular *old line Democracy* in New Hampshire. The State was districted for the choice of Representatives to Congress, and the following year he was elected a Representative from the Third Congressional District to the Thirtieth Congress. He was re-elected to the Thirty-first Congress, and held his seat until the 9th day of September, 1850, when he resigned and left this Eastern country for California. He resided in California eleven years continuously, and only returned East at the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion in 1861. On meeting his old friend, Abraham Lincoln, then President of the United States, Mr. Lincoln offered him a Brigadier-General's commission in the army of the United States, which offer Gen. Wilson declined, for the reason of his advanced age and his physical infirmities. He remained East about a year and a half, giving such aid and moral support as he could to the Union cause. He returned to California in the autumn of 1862, and resided there until 1867, when he left the Pacific coast and returned to his old home in Keene, to live out the residue of his days among his old friends and acquaintances who had been so true and kind to him throughout so many, many years.

"In 1870 and '71, the voters of Keene elected him again to represent them in the General Court of the State of New Hampshire."

Gen. Wilson possessed much reputation as a lawyer,



and had his whole efforts been turned to his profession, he must have become eminent. He was drawn off by the military and by politics, so that his profession became quite neglected. But in both these departments he excelled—there were in the State very few military men his equals,—and as a politician he gained great reputation. His power of addressing and holding a great multitude in times of excitement was extraordinary. It may be said in truth that he had very few equals in that oratory required for a political campaign. His success was wonderful; he gained good opinions at all points,—almost made his opponents yield to his mode of putting the political topics handled.

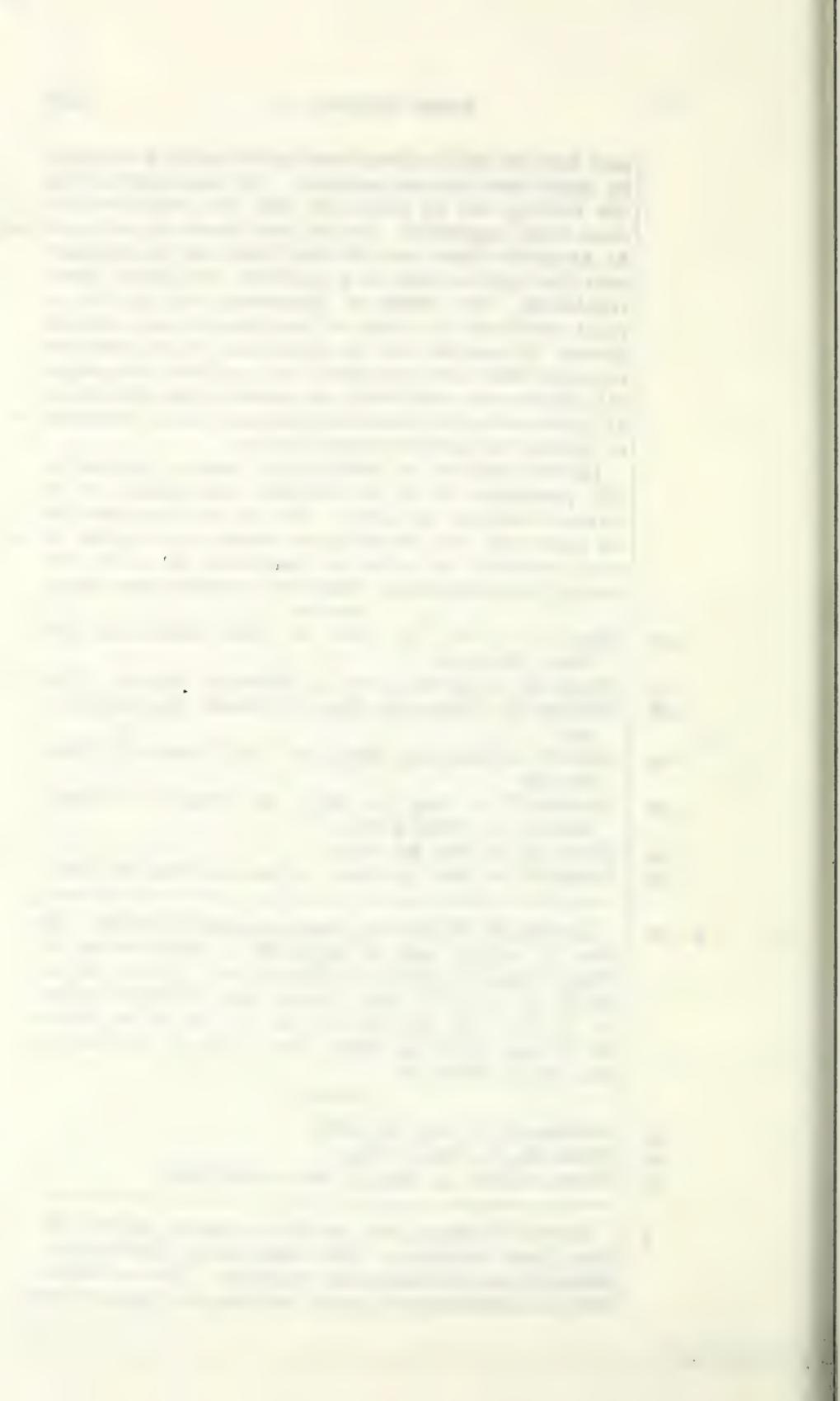
He now survives, at nearly eighty years of age, in the full possession of all his faculties, and resides at his former residence in Keene. But for bodily infirmities, we know not but his efficiency would be as great as ever; mentally he seems as competent for active service as in his best days. May he be spared many years.

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- 26 *Mary E.*, b. Oct. 27, 1826; m. John Sherwood, New York; three ch.  
 27 *James E.*, b. July 28, 1829; d. March 9, 1832, æ. 3 yrs.  
 28 *William R.*, b. Nov. 22, 1830; d. March 17, 1834, æ. 4 yrs.  
 29 *Annie F.*, b. Sept. 23, 1832; m. Col. Francis S. Fisk; five ch.  
 30 *Charlotte F.*, b. Aug. 31, 1835; m. Frank S. Taintor; three ch.; r. New York.  
 31 *James H.*, b. Dec. 31, 1837.  
 32 *Daniel W.*, b. Feb. 13, 1841; d. Jan. 18, 1846, æ. 5 yrs.
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- 4- 25      GEORGE W. WILSON is a harness-maker by trade. He lives in village, and is employed in upholstering at Briggs' Patent Piano Stool Manufactory. He m., 1st w., March 31, 1853, H. Maria Smiley, dau. of David Smiley, Jr.; d. July 23, 1855, æ. 25 yrs.; c.; m., 2d w., Katie M. Grimes, Sept. 22, 1867; she d. July 8, 1876, æ. 33 yrs.; 2d w., three ch.
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- 33 *William F.*, b. Aug. 19, 1868.  
 34 *Hattie M.*, b. Dec. 8, 1869.  
 35 *Bessie*, b. May 13, 1873; d. soon after birth.
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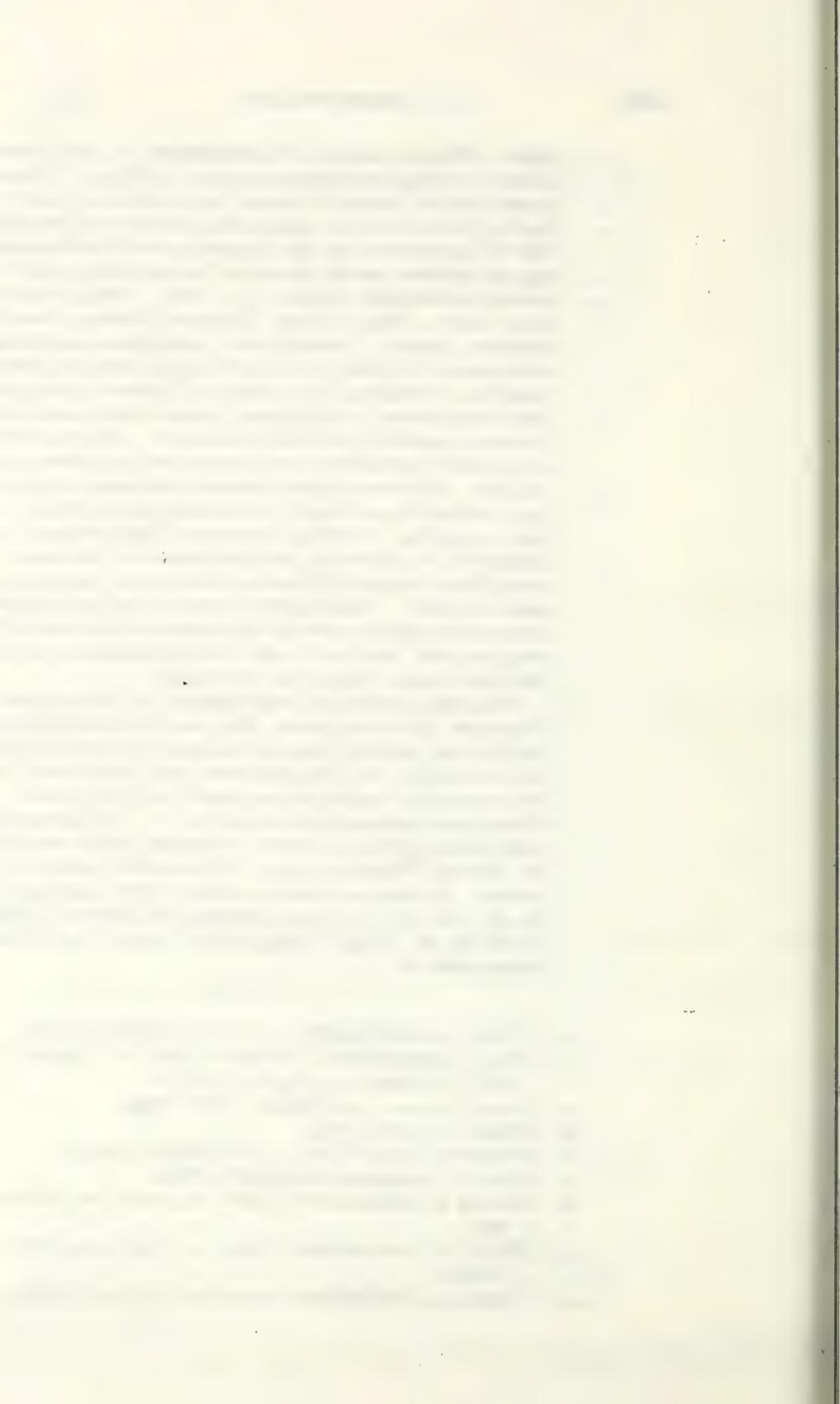
- 1      HUGH WILSON, a race, as far as known, entirely distinct from the above. He came from Londonderry, where he was an important character. He was moderator in Londonderry in 1742 and also in 1750, and not



after. He was also a representative to the General Court in 1738, and selectman 1737, '38, '39. It is supposed that he moved to town not far from 1752 or '53, having been here for some time previous in preparing. He was authorized by the charter to call the first meeting of the town under the act of incorporation, and was chosen moderator March 17, 1760, John Ferguson, town clerk ; Hugh Wilson, Thomas Morison, Jonathan Morison, Joseph Caldwell, and John Swan, selectmen ; surveyors of highways, Hugh Wilson, Thomas Morison, Jonathan Morison, John Smith, Thomas Cunningham, and John Robbe ; tithing-men, James Robbe and Hugh Dunlap ; constable, William Robbe, Jr. He was moderator seven years, from 1760 to '73, and selectman 1760, '64, '72. His name often appears in the town records till 1774, when it is no longer found, after the following vote, Sept. 12, 1774 : "Voted, To acquit Hugh Wilson on account of his delivering up the charter of the town, and voted that Samuel Mitchell should have charge of the same charter." The inference here is, that he had shown some reluctance to give up the charter of the town, which was justly in his hands, and having consented to do it the vote was in vindication of this act.

We know nothing of what became of this important character after the above date, nor have we any trace, for the last seventy years or more, of a single member of his family. He bought three long lots a mile long, that made six hundred acres, nearly a mile square. The Pratt place was nearly the centre of it. The Mussey farm embraces a part of it, given to his son John, who sold it to Patrick White in 1777. He was also justice of the peace. He was m. when he came to town, and had four ch. by his 1st w., and according to notes of Samuel Smith he m. Hugh Gregg's sister, and then followed three more ch.

- 2      *† John*, b. Londonderry, —— ; m. Barbara Gregg.
- 3      *Ann*, b. Londonderry, March 20, 1726 ; m. Joseph Ham-mill ; d. March 19, 1796, æ. 70 yrs.
- 4      *Jenny*, b. —— ; m. (Black) John Gregg.
- 5      *Robert*, b. July 8, 1731.
- 6      *Margaret*, b. July 8, 1733 ; m. Charles Cowell.
- 7      *Hugh*, b. Londonderry, April 7, 1742.
- 8      *Samuel*, b. Londonderry, April 14, 1746 ; m. Sarah Dar-rah.
- 9      *Molly*, b. Londonderry, Oct. 11, 1748 ; m. John Mc-Donald.
- 10     *James*, b. Londonderry, —— ; m. Martha Taggart, dau.



of Heeland Taggart. He lived in various places ; d. of small-pox in Canada, in 1798.

I - 2 JOHN WILSON m. Barbara Gregg.

II John, b. Oct. 5, 1759. (12) Hugh, b. Oct. 16, 1761.  
I3 Margaret, b. Jan. 8, 1764. (14) Ann, b. April 3, 1766.

### THE YOUNG FAMILY.

I JOHN YOUNG (Dr.) was the first physician of Peterborough, of whose early life and education very little is known. He was b. in Worcester, Mass., June 2, 1739, and after obtaining such an education as the times afforded, he studied his profession with the elder Dr. Green. The preparation for the profession of medicine in those days must have been very meagre compared with even the advantages now enjoyed, which are poor enough. He was considered among the best read men of his day, and our old people had a very high opinion of his medical knowledge and skill. He commenced his practice in Pelham, Mass., where he continued for a short time, and during this period he married and also buried his first wife. He now returned to Worcester, and was m. to Elizabeth Smith, who was b. Jan. 17, 1740, and they removed to Peterborough about 1764. We have no means of fixing definitely the precise time when he came to town. In his old account-books some charges are made in 1764, but none go back of this date. His name first appears on the town records as moderator of a meeting held Jan. 1, 1765, and then it occasionally occurs all alone, to 1800. He was moderator eight years, and selectman five years. He seems to have been a prominent man with our fathers in all these years previous to the present century. They had a large family of ten children after they came to town, none of whom are now living. They all left Peterborough early but one daughter, Jane, who was unmarried, and lived and died here. Mrs. Young survived her husband many years, and was again married to Samuel Twitchell, Esq., of Dublin (father to the late Dr. Amos Twitchell, of Keene), but again became a widow, and returned to Peterborough and spent the residue of her life with her daughter Jane. She d. Sept. 25, 1825, æ. 84 yrs.

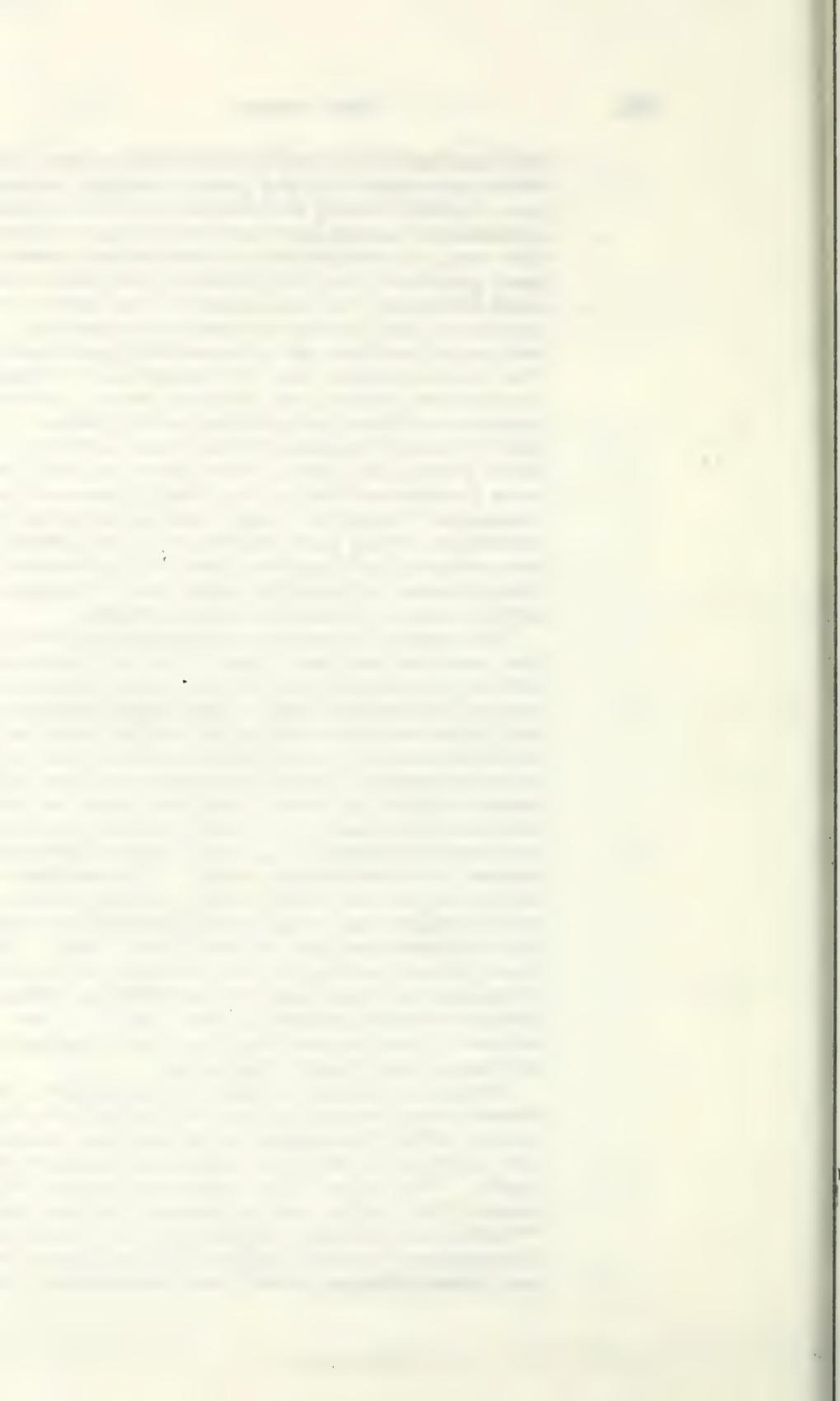
Dr. Young sustained the reputation of being one of the best physicians of his day, and was extensively employed in all this region. The elderly people of the town always spoke highly of his skill and judgment as a



physician, while they deplored his intemperate habits, which grew upon him and greatly abridged his usefulness, especially during the latter part of his life. Among a hospitable people, such as were the early settlers of this town, the temptations to intemperance were very great, particularly to the physician. He could hardly avoid falling into this vice, unless he had been a "total abstinence man," a thing unheard of in those days. The practice of medicine was attended with great hardship. The roads were poor, often little more than bridle-paths, or the course pointed out by blazed trees. All was an interminable forest yet inhabited by wild beasts. I am told by an aged inhabitant of this town, now living, Mr. Elihu Thayer, that about ninety years ago Dr. Young, on a professional visit to his father's house — Deacon Christopher Thayer's, — came into the house in great trepidation, having been followed by a wolf, which had been attracted by a quarter of beef his brother had just brought home on his saddle before him. He stayed all night, fearing to go home through the woods.

The charges for medical services were very low at this time, and also very poorly paid. The early settlers had little to pay with but the produce of their farms; and I suppose the ancient doctor then shared the same fate with his successors, — that his bill was the last to be provided for, and most easily pushed on from year to year without payment. It was the custom of the early physicians to charge so much a mile, and extra for all the medicines dispensed. Dr. Young, before the Revolution, charged eightpence per mile, but he afterwards increased it to one shilling a mile. The medicines were charged high — they were probably more expensive than at the present time, — and if our subject may be authority, they were used with a pretty liberal hand. In Dr. Young's charges there is great profuseness of medicine in some of his cases, and it would often be difficult to devise with what intention a great deal of it was prescribed. It was no doubt necessary for the reputation of the doctor, and to satisfy the patient.

Though Dr. Young continued in full practice, yet he became very poor as he grew old, probably in consequence of his intemperate habits, and was obliged to ask assistance of the town towards the support of his family. The action of the town was kind and delicate towards him; for in 1799 the following vote was passed: "Voted, To take into consideration Dr. Young's low circumstances in worldly affairs. Chose Henry Ferguson, Robert Morison, Robert Swan, a committee to make



inquiry of the said Young's situation, and propose such relief as they shall think proper."

We have no account of the report of the committee, but suppose their suggestions were acted on at once, and that he was aided as much as was necessary.

One other vote of the town is found, June 5, 1805: "Voted, That the selectmen furnish Dr. Young with two cows for his use, being the town's property."

We suppose that Dr. Young was considerably above mediocrity in his profession, and he enjoyed for many years the entire confidence of a community quick to see defects, ready to sift pretensions and expose shams. He went through the ordeal successfully, and but for his intemperance would have passed off as one of the most honored and worthy of the early physicians. He d. of a cancer of the face, after long suffering, Feb. 27, 1807, æ. 68 yrs.

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- 2 *John*, b. March 8, 1764; m. — White, Whitestown, N. Y.  
 3 *William*, b. Aug. 14, 1768; m. Eunice Porter.  
 4 *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 21, 1771; m. — Earl, Chester, Vt.  
 5 *Jane Foster*, b. May 24, 1773; unm.; d. March 2, 1857,  
æ. 84 yrs.; always lived in town.  
 6 *Susanna*, b. Aug. 24, 1776; m. Capt. B. Carryll.  
 7 *David*, b. Oct. 25, 1779.  
 8 *Foster*, b. March 25, 1784; m. —, Chester, Vt., and  
re. to Buffalo, N. Y.
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### THE YOUNGMAN FAMILY.

David Youngman, Sen., was the son of Jabez Youngman, who was b. in Hollis, March, 1764; was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, as were his three older brothers, the oldest of whom, Eben, was killed in battle at Bunker Hill. He m., March, 1785, Susannah Powers, b. in Hollis, Aug. 28, 1768, where they lived several years, when they removed to Lempster, and lived many years in comfortable circumstances, and where they both d. within three days of each other; he d. April 30, 1830, æ. 75 yrs.; she d. May 3, 1839, æ. 71 yrs., after living in the marriage relation fifty-four years; they were buried in the same grave.

DAVID YOUNGMAN was b. in Hollis, Dec. 19, 1790. Came to Peterborough about 1810; served an apprenticeship in the tanning and currying business with T. & J. John Field, for whom he afterwards worked some dozen years, and identified himself with the interests of the

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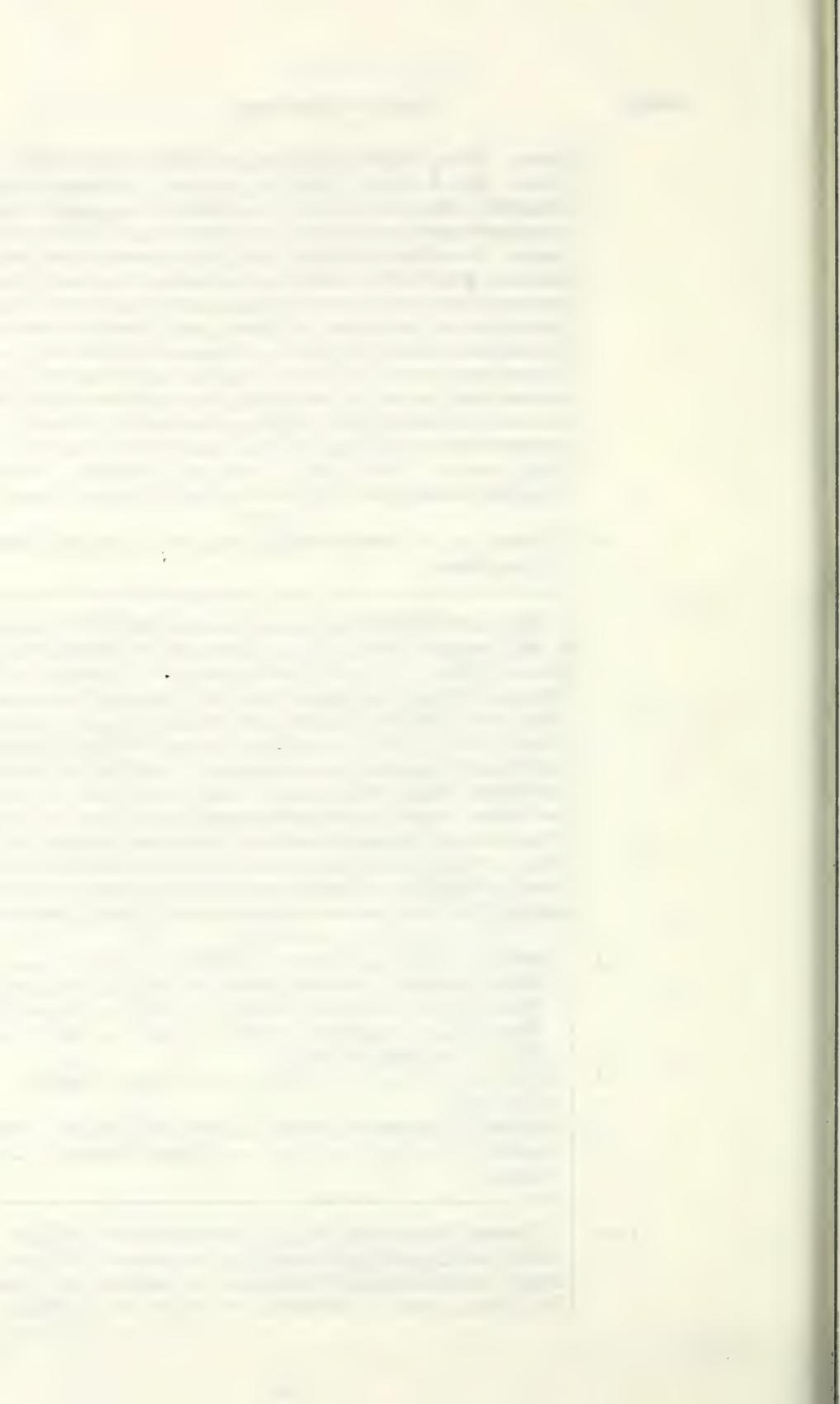
town. He m. Ruth Field, dau. of John Field, March 7, 1816. She d. Sept. 5, 1817, æ. 22 yrs. He removed to Franklin, Tenn., in 1821 or '22, where he engaged in tanning and currying, which he carried on successfully many years. He afterwards purchased an extensive farm, with saw and grist-mills; became a slave-owner, and was prosperous after the Southern fashion, until the war of the Rebellion set his slaves at liberty, and, during the struggle, he was robbed by both parties—Union as well as Confederate—of his horses, mules, cattle, leather, provisions, and, in fact, of everything that soldiers could find to steal, by which he became considerably reduced in circumstances. He m., 2d w., Nancy McMahon, April, 1833; no ch. He is still living in Franklin, Tenn., enjoying a serene old age, now in his eighty-sixth year.

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- 2 *†David*, b. in Peterborough, Aug. 26, 1817; m. Mary Ann Stone.
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WILLARD YOUNGMAN was a younger brother of David, b. in Lempster, April, 1804. He came to Peterborough in early life; m. Jane Little, dau. of Thomas Little. She m., 2d hus., Benjamin Read, of Newport, November, 1834, and had by him one son, Wallace L., b. July 22, 1842. She d. Feb. 12, 1866, æ. 61 yrs. Willard Youngman was for several years engaged in building mills and mill-dams, during those years when the Union Factory and other large mills were erected. He lived at West Peterborough, where he built a house, and where he d. Dec. 1, 1833, æ. 29 yrs., of chronic ulceration of the hip-joint, induced by his previous peculiar exposure, and was among the first persons buried in the Village Cemetery.

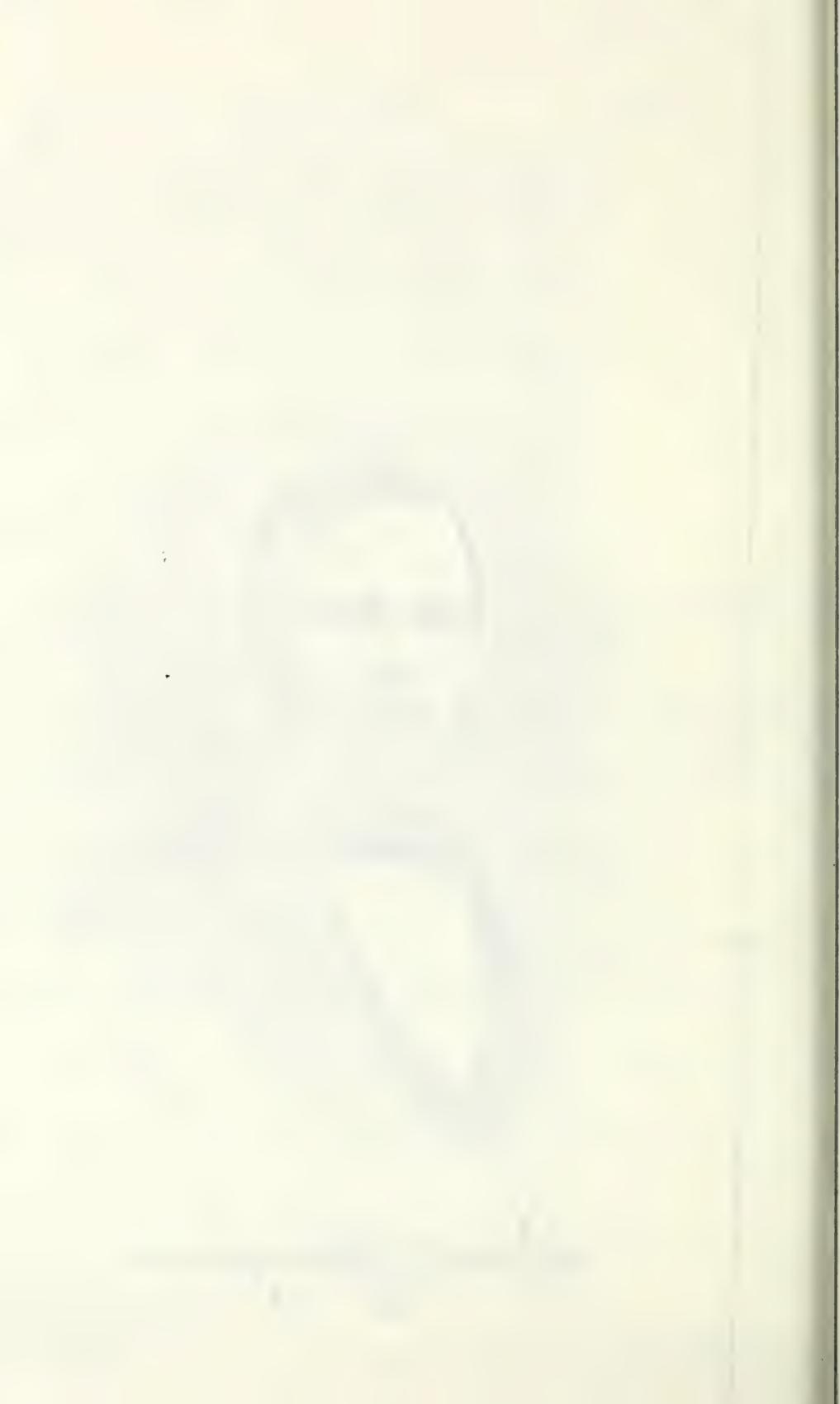
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- 3 *Jane L.*, b. Feb. 9, 1827; m. Nathan T. Eaton; ch., (1) Abbie Louisa, b. April 9, 1847; d. Sept. 6, 1849, æ. 2 yrs., 6 mos.; (2) Eva Cariola, b. July 20, 1850; (3) Frank W., b. April 23, 1853; d. June 2, 1853; (4) Ella L., b. Sept. 25, 1855.  
 4 *Mary L.*, b. June 17, 1828; m. Ethan Hadley; r. Chicopee.  
 5 *Addison*, b. November, 1829; d. Feb. 18, 1830, æ. 3 mos.  
 6 *Susan W.*, b. April 11, 1831; m. Elias Cheney; r. Lebanon.
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- 1-2 DAVID YOUNGMAN, M. D. He fitted for college at New Ipswich, and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1839. He subsequently engaged in teaching at Franklin, Tenn., and at Hartford, Vt., when he returned to



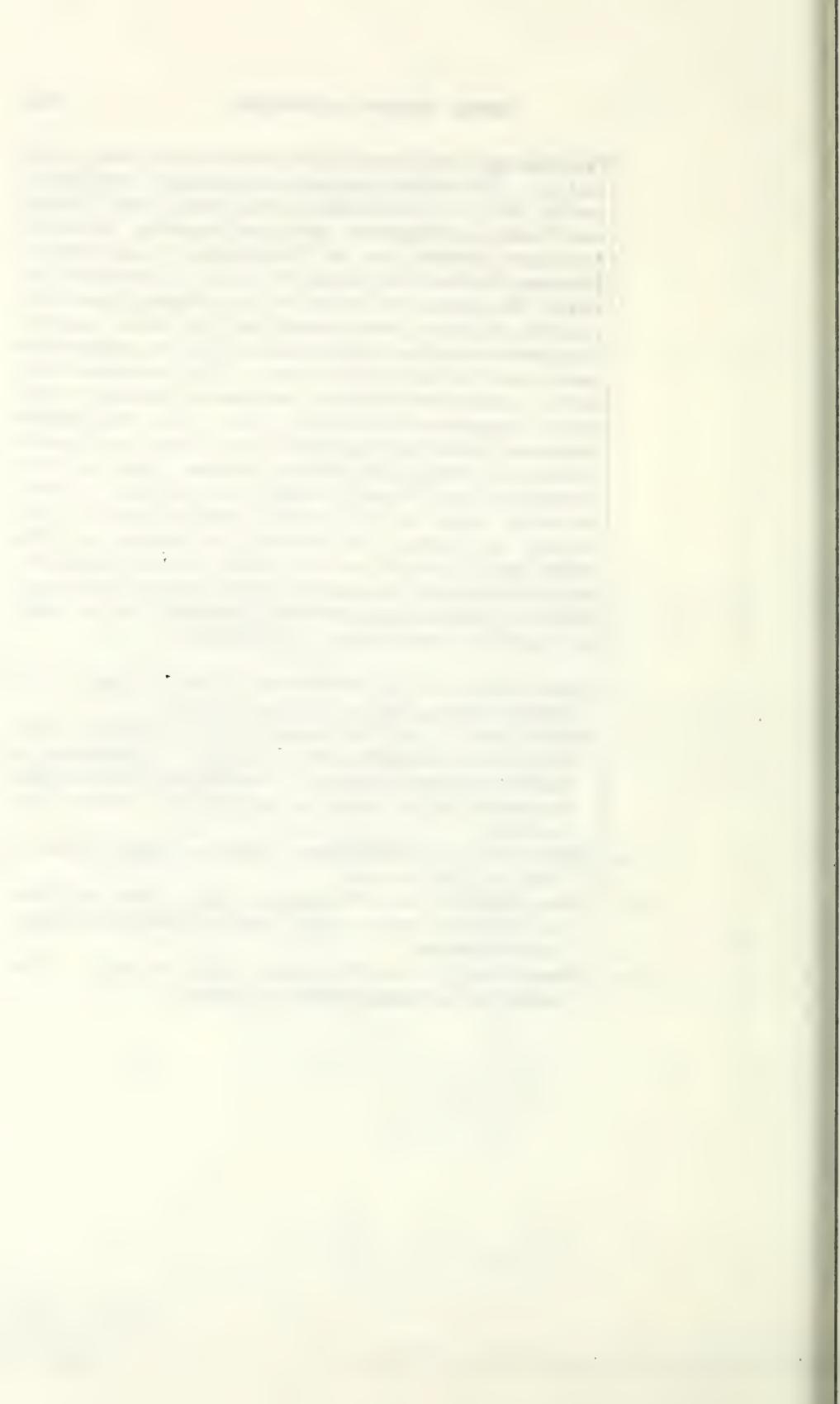


*David Youngman*



Peterborough and taught the academy two years, 1842 and '43. He studied the medical profession with Albert Smith, M.D., at Peterborough, and with Profs. Crosby and Peaslee, at Hanover; and after attending the usual courses of lectures, one at Woodstock, Vt., and two at Hanover, he took the degree of M.D., at Dartmouth, in 1846. He settled in South Woburn, Mass., (now Winchester) in 1846; was elected the first town clerk of Winchester in 1850, which office he held six consecutive years, until he removed from town. He interested himself in educational matters, and was a member of the school committee for several years. He was always interested in the study and practice of church and social music, and taught the same in various places in New Hampshire and Vermont during his pupilage, and was for many years an efficient and popular leader of the singing in church. He removed to Boston in 1856, where he still resides in the practice of his profession, and as a specialty devotes his time largely to the examination of mental and nervous diseases. He m., Aug. 1, 1842, Mary Ann Stone, of Hartford, Vt.

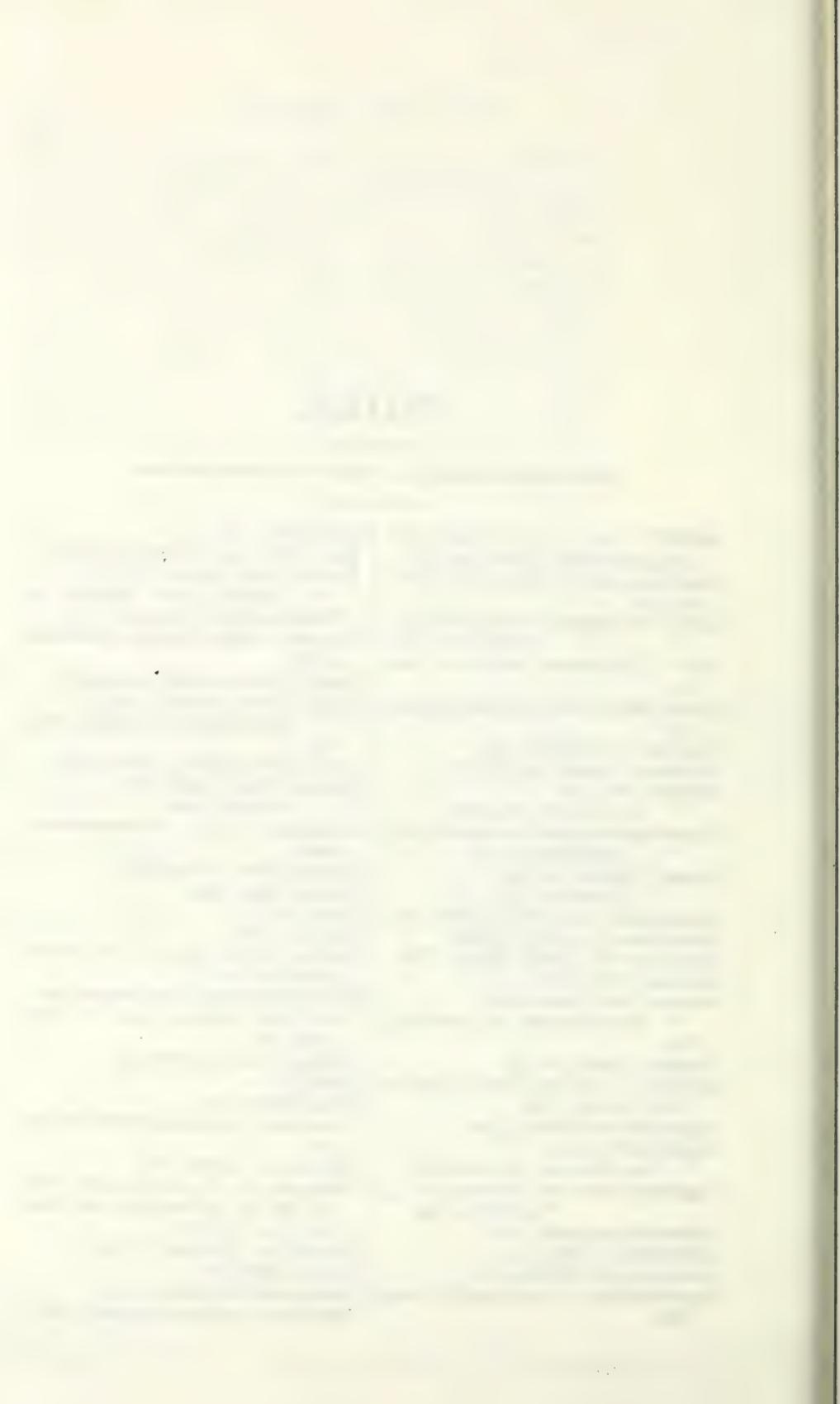
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- 7 *Albert Legrand*, b. in Peterborough, Jan. 22, 1844; d. in Peterborough, Jan. 17, 1845, æ. 1 yr.
  - 8 *Willis Blake*, b. in Winchester, Mass., June 29, 1846; m. Alma A. Sanborn, Dec. 25, 1871. Is engaged on cabinet organs in Boston. Has recently become quite successful as an artist in stipple and crayon portraiture.
  - 9 *Mary Ruth*, b. in Winchester, June 24, 1849; d. Jan. 2, 1852, æ. 2 yrs., 6 mos.
  - 10 *Clara Elizabeth*, b. in Winchester, July 3, 1851; m. Walter W. Scott, Jan. 5, 1875. He is a jeweller and optician in Boston.
  - 11 *Emma Knapp*, b. in Winchester, July 30, 1853. Is a teacher in the public schools, Boston.



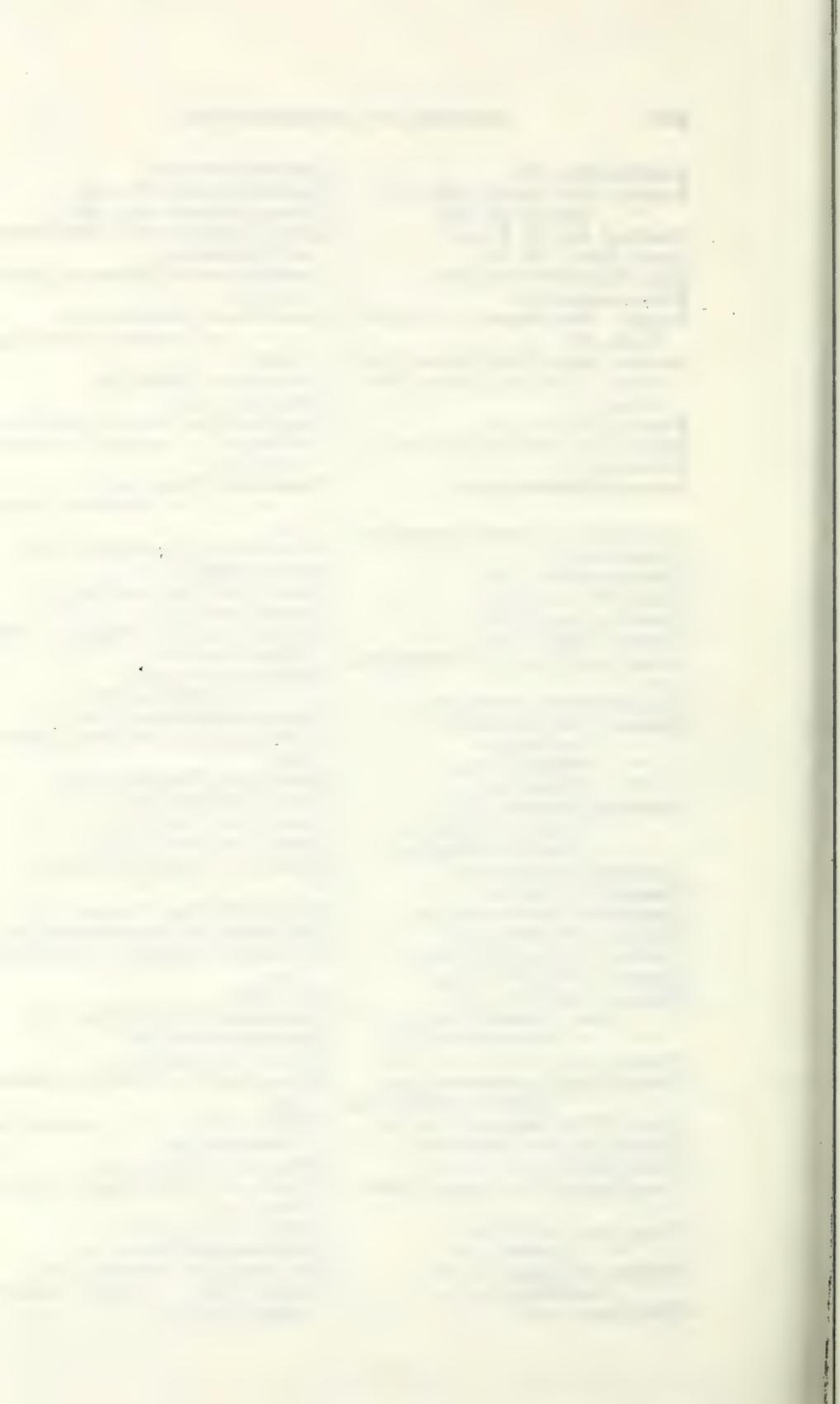
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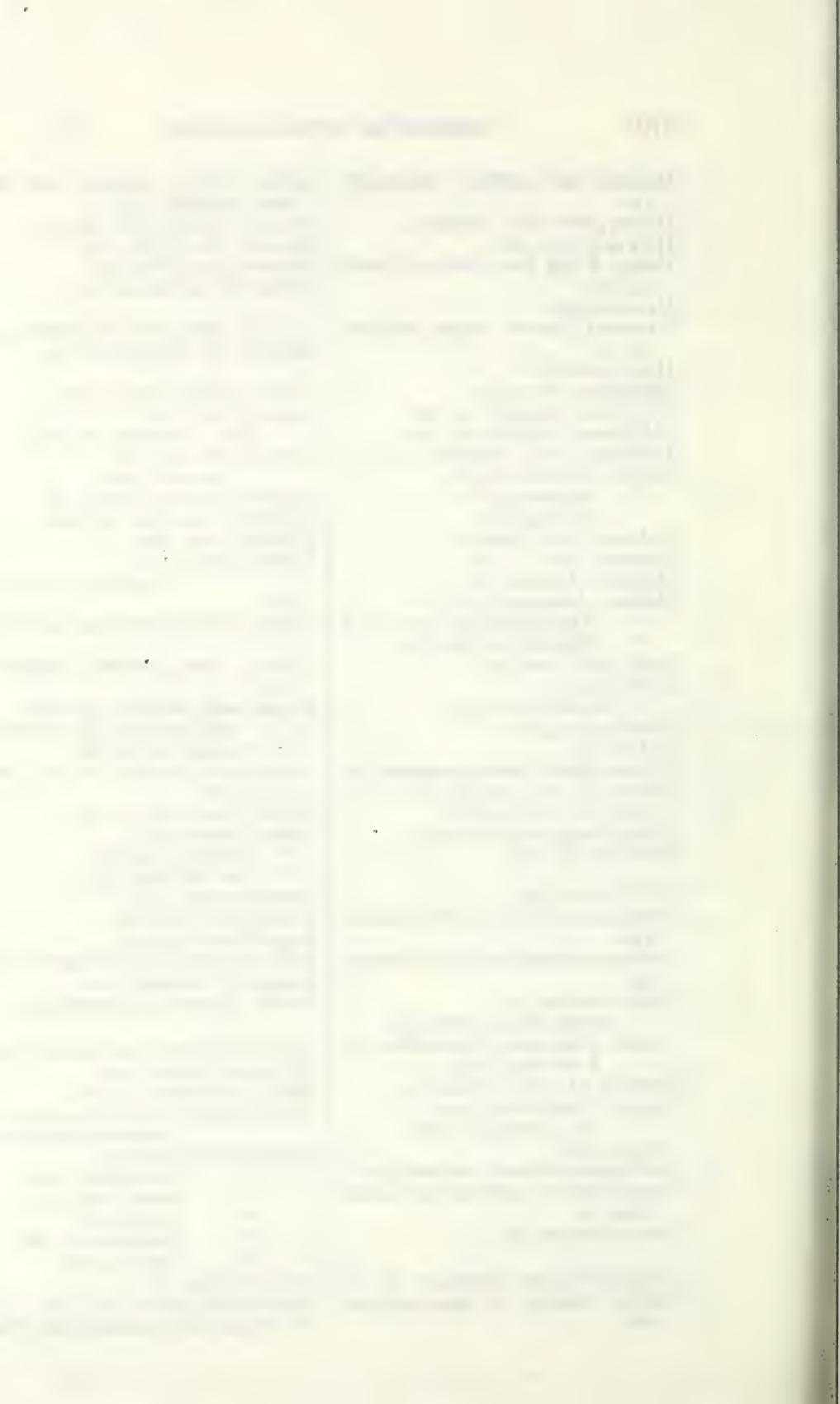
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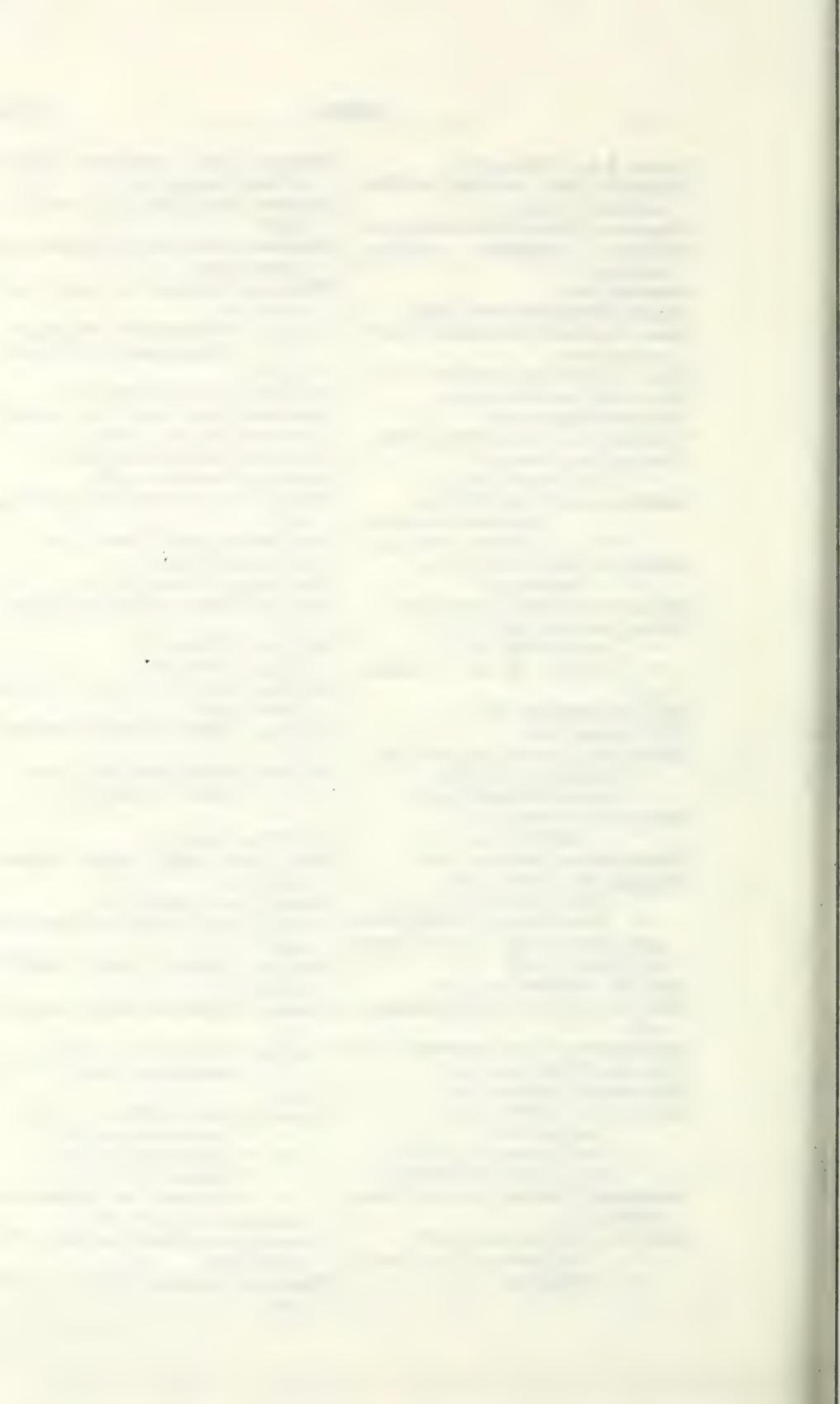
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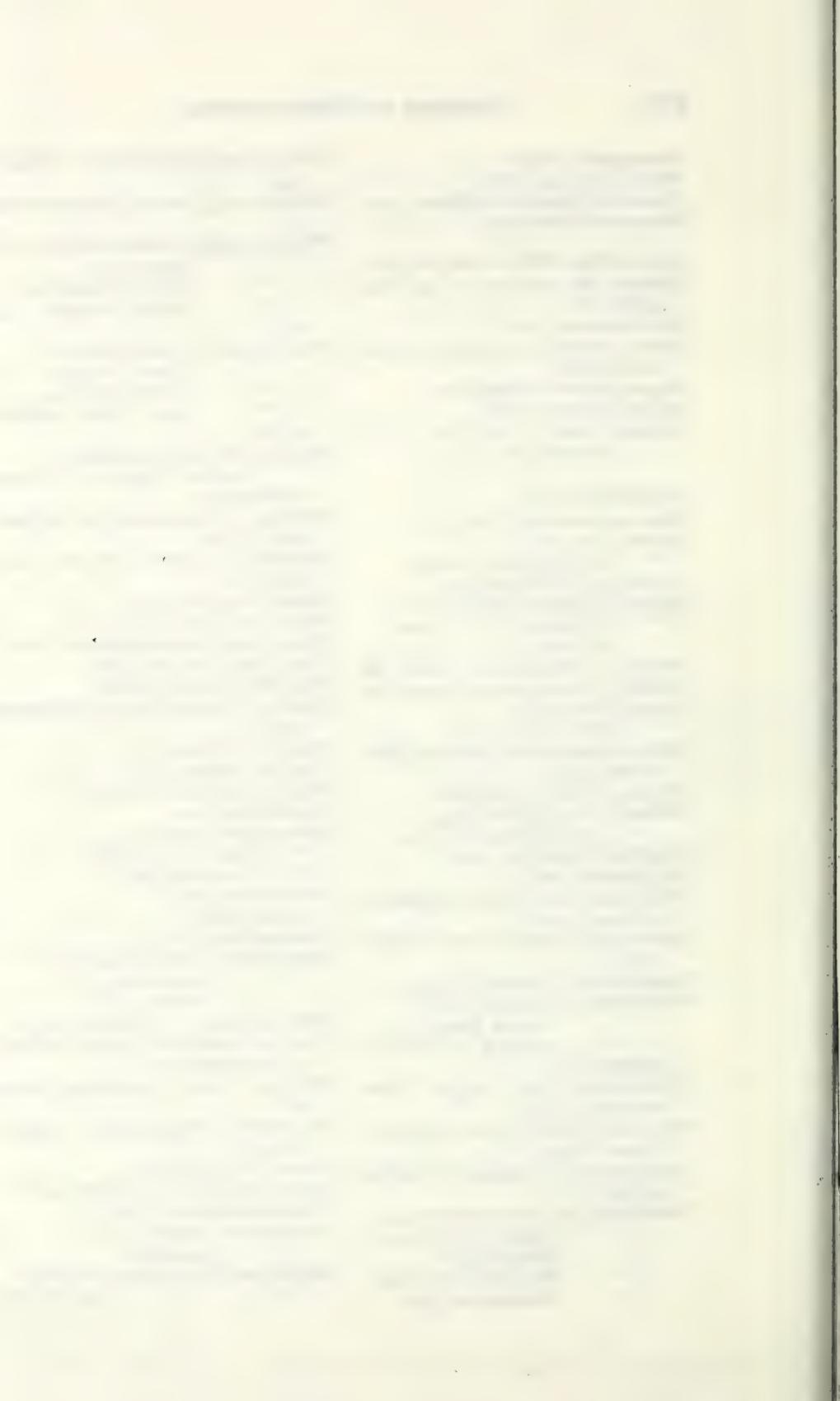
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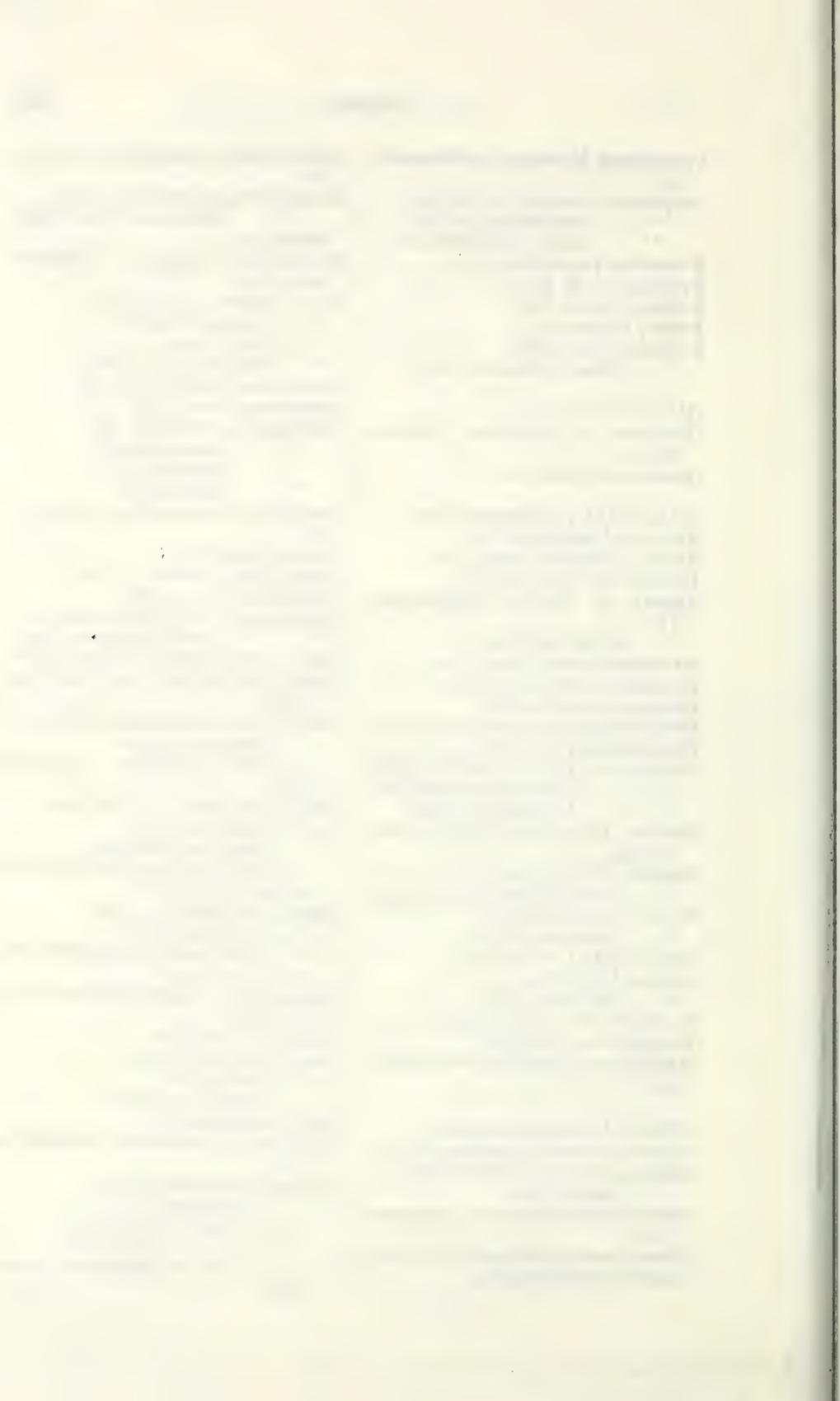
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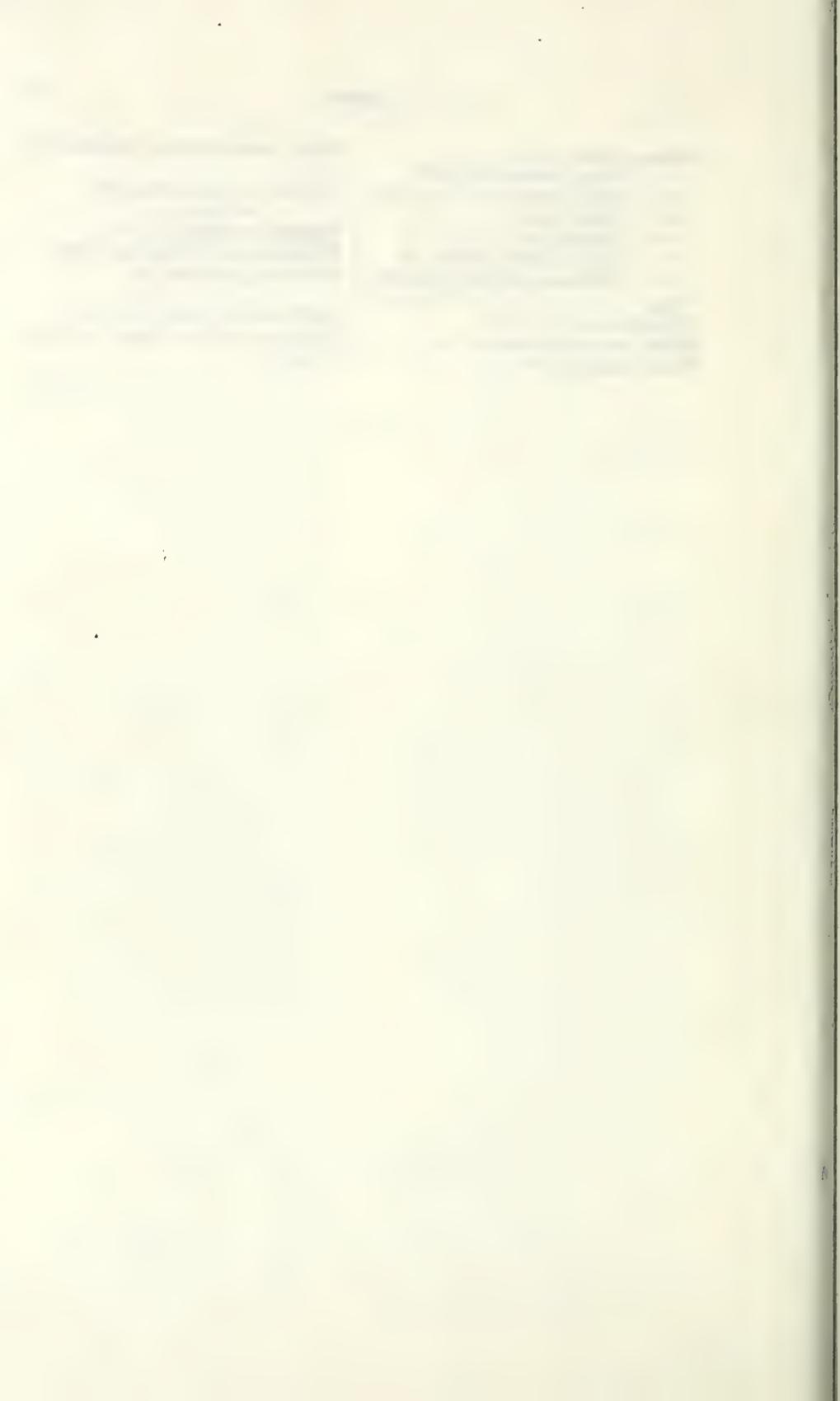
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